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Cooperation council aims at self-reliance

MANAMA, March 11 (AP) — The emergent Gulf Cooperation Council was designed to achieve self-reliance and keep the superpowers out of the region, the Bahrain foreign minister said Wednesday. Stressing that the question of Gulf unity was of "no concern to either the United States or the Soviet Union," Sheikh Muhammad Bin Mubarak al Khalifa said, adding that the cooperation council "is not directed against any one."

"The superpowers will have to accept the fact of the matter and look upon the development as a decision by the (Gulf) countries to commence the long journey toward more and more cooperation," said Sheikh Muhammad. He strongly indicated the Gulf council's constitution, initiated by the Gulf foreign ministers in the Omani capital Tuesday, involves undisclosed aspects of military coordination between Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman.

Patil said other new installations included storage tanks for oil and aviation fuel sufficient to support a task force for 30 days and an electronic communications section to provide rapid radio relay with ships and aircraft operating in the Indian Ocean. Asked about reports that the U.S. was seeking bases in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, Patil said these were unconfirmed so far.

He described reports of the Chinese helping to build a naval base in Karachi as far fetched. Patil said Pakistan was known to have recently negotiated with U.S. firms for the supply of anti-tank missiles and air defense systems, and repeated India's concern at the efforts which he said Pakistan was making to acquire nuclear capability. "The Indian government sincerely hopes and trusts that the government of Pakistan will live up to their assurances that their nuclear program is entirely for peaceful purposes only and that it has no non-peaceful dimension," he said.

The constitution was to be signed by the Gulf heads of state and kings at their planned summit conference in the UAE May 26. Asked why the military and political aspects of the projected cooperation were not explicitly mentioned in any statement on the Gulf Council formation, Sheikh Muhammad said:

"The Gulf Cooperation Council ignored nothing at all. I can say that cooperation between the Gulf states in all fields has become inevitable."

Gulf officials said the Cooperation Council was being patterned after the 10-nation European Common Market.

In New Delhi, India Wednesday expressed concern at the expansion of the U.S. Military base on the Indian Ocean Island of Diego Garcia which it said was being built up to facilitate deployment of American ground forces on the Asian mainland and in the Gulf.

Shivraj Patil, minister of state for defense, told the upper house of parliament (Rajya Sabha) that following developments in Iran and Afghanistan, the U.S. was visibly expanding its naval presence in the area. In his budget announced Tuesday, President Reagan proposed spending \$237.7 million on Diego Garcia, including \$39 million to improve the airfield.

Patil said reports received so far suggested that the Diego Garcia base was being equipped with a 3,657-meter runway to cope with all types of aircraft. A deep water anchorage was being dredged to a depth of 13.7 meters suitable for a naval task force, including nuclear-powered aircraft carriers.

Other areas of increased emphasis are central America Caribbean and Mediterranean and U.S. planned an increase of 8.4 per cent in the Carter military aid proposals while cutting foreign economic aid. A senior state department official, who briefed reporters, said the administration did not regard arms aid as a short-term political instrument or "an unmitigated evil in terms of the United States as a worldwide arms merchant."

Manila reports say 30 Muslims killed in battle

MANILA, March 11 (Agencies) — About 30 Muslim freedom fighters were killed when navy guns sank two Muslim motorboats trying to slip through a naval blockade in the southern Philippines, reports said Wednesday.

The Manila newspaper *Evening Express*, quoting a military report, said the incident occurred Monday off Pata island which Navy vessels had blockaded following the death of 119 troopers Feb. 12. The sketchy report gave no further details.

The Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) spearheads an eight-year-old war for Muslim self-rule in the south. On Jolo island near Pata, nine schoolchildren were injured when an M-203 rocket exploded on the campus of their elementary school Monday. A police report said the rocket might have been accidentally fired from a nearby military outpost.

Elsewhere in the south, two civilians were killed and four others wounded the past three days in shooting incidents blamed by the military on the freedom fighters. One of those killed was a resident of Zamboanga Del Sur province who was kidnapped Sunday and found dead the following day.

Meanwhile, Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos said he will stay in office until 1987 if the proposed constitutional amendments are approved in the April 7 plebiscite and if he is elected in presidential elections that will follow.

Marcos, head of state for 16 years, told local officials that his reelection to the presidency would put an end to his dual powers as president and prime minister which had been vested with him during this transition period of the constitution.

Under the 1973 constitution, Marcos enjoys the dual powers of president and prime minister until after the government has successfully changed from the presidential to the full parliamentary form of government.

The constitutional amendments scheduled to be presented on the April 7 plebiscite could, however, cut the transition period of the parliamentary set-up would be abandoned to give way to a strong presidency, elected at large, who would nominate a ceremonial prime minister.

Marcos said if no presidential elections were held, he would continue to exercise dual power until 1984 when members of the regular national assembly are elected.

Reagan wants defense boost

WASHINGTON, March 11 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has proposed a sharp increase in military aid for third world friends next year, especially for countries associated with the defense of the Gulf region.

Reagan Tuesday unveiled a \$695.3 billion budget for the 1982 financial year that starts on Oct. 1. The budget designed to bolster defense spending while slashing government spending, called for \$4.2 billion to be spent on military aid, compared with the \$3.3 billion former President Carter proposed in January.

New U.S. obligations, including funds not spent until later years, would total nearly \$6.9 billion, compared with \$6.3 billion in the Carter budget.

There would be major increases for Egypt, Oman, Tunisia, Kenya, Sudan and Turkey which, government officials said, were considered vital to defending Western interests in the Middle East and southwest Asia. The officials added that aid to Pakistan was being reviewed and no figure was included in the budget. "The United States was 'very, very sensitive to Pakistan's security requirements,'" the officials added.

Other areas of increased emphasis are central America Caribbean and Mediterranean and U.S. planned an increase of 8.4 per cent in the Carter military aid proposals while cutting foreign economic aid. A senior state department official, who briefed reporters, said the administration did not regard arms aid as a short-term political instrument or "an unmitigated evil in terms of the United States as a worldwide arms merchant."

Military aid was instead viewed as an important part of long-term U.S. foreign policy and security, the official said. He said aid would be used to demonstrate that Washington was a reliable ally and to bolster its friends' ability to maintain their defenses and domestic stability. In some cases, the aid would enable the countries to take over some U.S. defense responsibilities, he added.

More than two-thirds of the proposed increase in military-aid spending next year would be for credits to buy U.S. arms, with more liberal interest rates than in the past, perhaps as low as three per cent, the official said.

Spending for foreign military sales credits would total \$1.5 billion, up \$633 million from the Carter request. A portion of the so-called loans to Israel and Egypt, which together account for \$2.3 billion of the total \$4 billion in proposed obligations, are actually non-repayable grants.

\$6.9 billion is for the military assistance program (MAP) of direct grants, military education and training and Sinai and Cyprus peacekeeping forces. The administration proposes to put most of the MAP money, plus \$250 million of the economic support funds, into a contingency fund to be used by the president in case of crisis.

Major increases in arms sales credits include Egypt, from \$550 million this year to \$900 million, Oman from \$25 million to \$40 million, Tunisia from \$15 million to \$95 million, Kenya from \$6 million to \$51 million and Sudan from \$30 million to \$100 million.

Iran's parliament gives Rajai additional powers

TEHRAN, March 11 (R) — Iran's Majlis (parliament) Wednesday approved a controversial bill giving Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai power to appoint acting ministers to posts for which no permanent nominee could be agreed. This would mean that the prime minister could bypass President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr in such situations. (Related story page 4).

Bani-Sadr saw the measure as further evidence of a plan by the dominant Islamic Republican Party (IRP) to deprive him of real powers. The Majlis Wednesday confirmed candidates approved by the president for the key commerce and finance ministries. Both posts had been vacant since the cabinet was formed last September.

But prolonged discussions have brought no agreement on the vacant foreign and justice



TALKS BEGIN: United States President Ronald Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau share a few private words in Trudeau's Parliament Hill office in Ottawa Tuesday. The two leaders have set aside four hours for serious talks during Reagan's state visit to Canada.



AT THE WHITE HOUSE: West German Foreign Affairs Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher (right) meets with Vice President George Bush at the White House. Genscher also met with House and Senate Foreign Relations Committee members at the Capitol earlier Tuesday.

Genscher plan on talks gets American consent

WASHINGTON, March 11 (Agencies) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher has won American assent for consultations among NATO allies leading to U.S.-Soviet talks on limiting medium range nuclear missiles in Europe.

West Germany and other NATO members had sought the discussions and Genscher told a news conference Tuesday night that a special consultative group of the alliance could be expected to meet later this month. He said this offered a good basis for an early start to the U.S.-Soviet negotiations on limiting the so-called theater nuclear forces.

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Genscher, who returns home Wednesday said he was "very satisfied" with two days of talks, which included 45 minutes with president Reagan. The exchange had strengthened the confidence of both sides that they could depend on each other, he said. He said he had found understanding for West Germany's desire to avoid a new U.S.-Soviet arms race and to achieve a strategic balance at the lowest possible level of armaments.

"It is my impression that the decisive group in the United States has understood that for us, the will to do what is necessary for our own defense is connected with the determination to do everything in our power to achieve

concrete results in the area of arms control," Genscher said.

He told reporters at the West German embassy that Bonn's aim was "not to start an arms race but to... achieve strategic balance as the basis for our security, and insofar as we are involved, a balance at the lowest possible level of armaments."

West German diplomats said Genscher indicated that U.S. efforts in pursuit of arms control were essential for domestic political reasons to Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's government. A State department official briefing reporters Tuesday said the process leading to negotiations on theater nuclear forces had been expedited at the express wish of the European allies.

Genscher said West Germany is especially fortunate that Haig has a "full understanding" of the role played by Germany in NATO from his days as supreme allied commander Europe.

"In the words of the secretary, we (the Germans) are a cornerstone of (Western) stability," he said. Genscher played down differences speculated on by the press in both countries concerning reduced German military spending plans and German aims in central America.

Gulf Air reduces fares

JEDDAH, March 11 — Gulf Air Wednesday announced a discount of about 25 per cent of air fares on routes from four Gulf states to New Delhi.

Gulf Air, owned by Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman, had earlier announced special discounts for the handicapped and elderly passengers.

Syria rules out attack on plane

DAMASCUS, March 11 (Agencies) — Syria ruled out an armed attack on a hijacked Pakistani airliner with more than 100 hostages on board Wednesday as the three heavily armed air pirates extended their deadline to blow up the aircraft by 30 hours.

"The Syrian government is against any military solution because it would expose innocent lives to danger," a government official, who declined to be named, said shortly after the deadline was extended from noon local time (1000GMT) Wednesday until 6 p.m. (1600GMT) Thursday.

The Pakistani government of President Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq had given Syria free hand to mount a rescue operation when the Pakistani International Airways Boeing 720-B was flown to the Syrian capital from Kabul, Afghanistan, before dawn Monday.

NATO starts major exercise

BRUSSELS, March 11 (R) — A major NATO exercise to test the alliance's reaction in an East-West crisis started Monday, diplomats said here Wednesday. The exercise, codenamed "Wintex/Cimex 81", involves military commands as well as defense and foreign ministries of the alliance's 15 member countries.

Its aim is to test the efficiency of NATO's civil and military commands, its communications network and speed of reaction from the various capitals. Wintex/Cimex exercises have been held every two years since the Warsaw Pact intervention in Czechoslovakia in 1969.

Day and night, officials follow the evolution of the imaginary crisis from a "situation center" at NATO headquarters where a small term normally keeps abreast of world events. This year's exercise started with a supposed incident involving Western ships and the Soviet navy in the Atlantic, the diplomats said.

The paper exercise — no troops are actually involved — is considered important because delay in the decision-making process as NATO members take steps by consent could give a big initial advantage to a potential aggressor, the diplomats said.

Results and analysis of the exercise are later used to draw up contingency plans which are constantly revised and updated for use in case of a crisis or war, they said.

One of the main conclusions of the exercise was that in case of a Warsaw pact attack in Europe involving chemical weapons, NATO would have no other alternative than to use tactical nuclear weapons, the diplomats said.

The climax of this year's exercise will be an outbreak of simulated hostilities. Part of the scenario envisages a Bulgarian push into northern Greece and Turkey toward the Bosphorus.

Dollar gains, gold loses

LONDON, March 11 (AP) — The dollar made some gains against European currencies in morning trading Wednesday, but was shaky against the British pound and the Japanese yen. Gold prices fell back after climbing Tuesday.

Dealers reported little demand for the U.S. currency, but noted that despite Wednesday's mixed fortunes for the dollar, its underpinning remained "strong". The U.S. currency's gains ended a three-day downturn as American interest rates were cut.

Sterling strengthened despite the British government's cut in the key minimum lending rate from 14 to 12 per cent Tuesday. In London, it cost \$2.2255 to buy one pound against \$2.2210 at close of business Tuesday. The pound opened at \$2.2295, but slipped back in early trading. In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 207.75 yen, down from Tuesday's 206.40 yen.

The price of gold opened in Zurich at \$478.50 an ounce, \$13 down on Tuesday's close. The London price was \$479.95, \$7 down on Tuesday's close. London's five major bullion dealers later announced the morning "fixing" or guideline price, at \$475.50.

Wednesday's statement was the first public Syrian renunciation of armed force as a method to end the hostages 10-day ordeal.

The Syrian official said the hijackers have told Damascus airport control tower negotiators that the new Thursday evening deadline was "the final one" and that they hold the Pakistani government "fully responsible for the consequences if their demands were not met."

Two of the skyjackers are brothers whose father arrived without fanfare in Damascus Wednesday to try to talk his two sons into releasing the hostages, sources here said. But the man had not been seen by reporters covering the plane drama at Damascus airport.

The Syrian official said a high-powered Pakistani government delegation was expected in the Syrian capital Thursday carrying Islamabad's answer to the hijackers' demands. The team is expected to have the power to take the necessary decisions to crop with any developments in the hostage drama, the official added.

The hijackers agreed to extend the deadline during negotiations with a team of Syrian security officers at the control tower in English. The conversation was picked up by reporters using portable radios with FM wavebands. Before the extension of the deadline, the hijackers allowed caterers to take food, beverages and medicine to the hostages, but rejected a Syrian request to allow a doctor on board.

At one point of the radio, one hijacker was overheard telling the control tower "we brought the plane to Damascus because (Syrian) President Hafez Assad is a very good man. We like President Assad very much in Pakistan."

During negotiations to extend the deadline, security was stepped up at the airport. Syrian troops in green battle fatigues and armed with Ak-47 assault rifles took up fox-hole positions in a circle at a 100 yard radius around the green and white hijacker airliner. The airport was crowded with Syrian onlookers. They flocked to the premises before the deadline extension to see whether the plane would be blown up.

In Karachi, unofficial sources said Tuesday more than 30 prisoners, including family members of the three gunmen who hijacked the plane, were to be flown to Damascus Wednesday. Airport authorities in Karachi would not confirm the report.

Staff walkout hits U.K. secret base

LONDON, March 11 (AP) — Forty-five civil servants at a top secret British base monitoring messages from Soviet spy satellites and radio broadcasts walked out Tuesday in the first of a series of non-arming "lightning" strikes for more pay.

The walk-out followed Monday general nationwide stoppage by most of the country's 530,000 civil servants that caused a near-total shutdown of government offices, airports, nuclear bases, courts and museums.

The base is at Bude in Cornwall, southwest England, and is part of Britain's Composite Government Signals Organization (CGSO) that coordinates classified intelligence communications surveillance with the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA).

The strikers, all radio grades on shift work, are expected to be out until Friday. Union spokesmen said their action "will certainly disrupt the work of the station."

The defense ministry declined comment, but informed sources reported that NSA would extend its monitoring if the stoppage disrupts the Bude facility's operations.

The civil servants, with an average pay of \$5,000 pounds (\$11,000) a year, are demanding a 15 per cent pay hike and have rejected the government's offer of 7 per cent. Strikes also disrupted Britain's two polaris nuclear submarine bases at Coulport and Faslane in Scotland. Defense ministry officials reported that at Coulport, where the submarines are armed, only 29 out of 608 non-industrial staff arrived for work Tuesday.

The army and Royal Air Force appeared to escape industrial action, but at Rosyth Navy Base in Scotland, only nine of 65 computer employees were working.

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International relations committee formed

Gulf information efforts given boost

MUSCAT, March 11 (SPA) — Arab Gulf information ministers decided Tuesday to form an International Relations Committee to be based in Doha. The committee will be headed by Muhammad Abdul Rahman Al-Khalifi, Qatar's information undersecretary. It will draw up information plans and projects to relay the Gulf's views on various world problems.

be invited to visit oil installations in the Gulf and international papers will issue special editions on the area and its petroleum industry, the ministers decided. Moreover, an Arab Gulf Folk Heritage Center will be set up in Qatar. Kuwait was called upon to give a land for the construction of the Gulf Joint Program Production Organization's headquarters.

The ministers approved a Kuwaiti working paper on microwave networks in the area and set up a technical committee to contact ministries of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones in the area and study methods to arrive at an Integrated Gulf Microwave Network. The committee, made up of information and PTT ministry officials, will set the technical

specifications and cost of the project.

The ministers approved a training program for mass media officials in 1981 and Saudi Arabia offered to host a radio and television announcers course. They further urged Gulf states to respect copyrights. They ratified the agreement to set up an Arab Gulf Information Regional Documentation Center.

The board of directors of the center met and decided to go into operation immediately. Qatari Information Minister Latif Jassem was elected president, and Amer Ibrahim Qandilji of Iraq director general of the center.

Meanwhile, Tareq Abdul Rahmao Al-Mo'ayyed, Bahrain's information minister, was re-elected president of the Gulf News Agency's board.

To German and Swiss company

Desalination plant projects awarded

By Adnan Sadeq and Muhammad AlQahtani RYADH, March 11 — Two feasibility studies for desalination plants in Asir, southern Region, and the holy city of Mecca, were signed with a German and a Swedish company, according to sources of the Agriculture Ministry.

phase of the Khobar plant will be dedicated in two months, it will bring the total production to 64 million gallons per day. This is considered adequate for the present demands of the Eastern Region.

The research department of the ministry has approved plans to publish a series of studies on water, agriculture and desalination in the Kingdom for the benefit of planners and the companies engaged in this field. The ministry has noticed a certain gap between planning and application and the problems

which arise from it, according to these sources.

The ministry will also publish booklets on the most important crops in the country including their cultivation, production and consumption and recommendations on the best means of farming, transportation and export.

The ministry has allowed farmers to export straw if they wished because it is not a subsidized item, the sources said. The decision was taken by the council of ministers recently.

Speaking to Arab News Wednesday they said the Mecca study will cost SR 83 million while the Asir one will cost SR 77 million. Both studies will be completed in nine months.

Soviet Union makes UAE trade fair move

SHARJAH, March 11 — The Soviet Union has made its first move toward a commercial presence in the United Arab Emirates. The Moscow Chamber of Commerce Exhibition Department has requested Expo Center, Sharjah, to provide 500-square meters of indoor exhibition space for the forthcoming fourth annual spring fair from April 9 to 17, expo center sources reported.

continued peaceful relations. The request has been followed up by a firm commitment to participate in the Expo Center's spring fair depending on the necessary government approval from the U.A.E. The Moscow chamber has indicated that two officials would attend, S. Viatcheslav and Jeleznov Victor.

This would be, if given government approval, the first such participation of the Soviet Union in an exhibitor capacity at any trade exhibition in the UAE.

"We have referred the Soviet request to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Abu

Dhabi," Pittera said, "and the matter is now being deliberated."

Pittera is not unduly surprised by the Soviet request. "At the present grand national we have the general administration of the Civil Aviation Authority of China. And the first Sri Lankan businessman," the source quoted Pittera as saying.

Exhibition product categories will include household goods and appliances, leisure and recreation equipment, office equipment, cleaning materials, institutional products, safety firefighting and security systems, foods and beverages as well as general and luxury items, the sources added.

World interest in the April fair is at key pitch and Pittera says it will be a new high in the yearly spring shows Expo Center has presented with great success.



RATIFICATION: The Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference, Habib Chatti, received Qatar's ratification of the agreement of economic cooperation. The papers were submitted by the Qatari Ambassador Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Saad.

Activities double

OIC finance committee to meet

JEDDAH, March 11 (SPA) — The Permanent Finance Committee of the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference resumes meetings here Saturday morning at OIC headquarters. The committee was opened here Tuesday by OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Muharak, the head of the Islamic desk at the Foreign Ministry was elected chairman of the meeting.

A fresh impetus. Owing to its growing activities and to shoulder the responsibilities entrusted to it by member states, the OIC's proposed budget for next financial year should be increased by 40 per cent, the secretary general said.

He said that six foreign ministers conference and two summits were held since 1980. Chatti said member states should supply the Islamic secretariat with the necessary means in order to rise to the level of other international organization, like the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and the Arab League.

In his opening address, Chatti noted that the organization's activities had doubled five fold in less than a year and that the Taif summit last January gave the OIC

Kayyal issues phone bill warning

RIYADH, March 11 — Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal, minister of PTT, said that next week is the last opportunity to pay telephone bills. March 19, 1981 (Jumada Awal 13, 1401) is the last date in the current billing period. This date — called the "maturity date" — is when all telephone bills for the fourth quarter, 1980, must be paid, according to a ministry press statement Wednesday.

will have to pay a "late payment charge" for a new installation, the report added.

Dr. Kayyal called on all citizens to cooperate in ensuring that all bills are paid quickly and efficiently.

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Saudi Arabia IMF close to agreement

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 11 — Saudi Arabia and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) are close to agreement on a double the Kingdom's voting strength in the IMF in exchange for massive loans to the fund over the next two years, sources said Tuesday.

The agreement, expected to be finalized later this month, would give Saudi Arabia seventh-highest rank in voting power multilateral lending institution, after on U.S., Britain, West Germany, France, and Canada.

The Kingdom is currently ranked fifth in voting strength, even though Saudi has its own executive director on the board, like the top five countries. (States are part of regional grouping share an executive director.)

As part of the agreement, Saudi would lend the IMF over three billion a year for the next two years, with a pre-extension of the deal for a third year.

Under the accord, the Saudis were granted additional voting shares to bring total voting power in the IMF up to about 10 per cent of all votes in the institution, said. The country currently holding a 6.5 per cent share of the votes, which would be 10 per cent.

Initially the Kingdom had sought a 12 per cent share of the votes, which would have put Saudi Arabia ahead of Canada. But negotiations with the fund, agreement reached on 3.3 per cent.

University board

RIYADH, March 11 (SPA) — The board of trustees of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University met here Tuesday under Sheikh Hassan bin Abdullah Sheikh, the minister of higher education, chairman of the university's board.

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For development contribution

Nazer lauds foreign labor

JEDDAH, March 11 (LAT) — Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer defended a decision taken 11 years ago at the beginning of the first five-year development plan to push all out for rapid industrial development that assured a heavy dependence on foreign labor.

"I am not worried about it at all," he said in an interview. "Maybe I am one of the very few. The foreigners have contributed a great deal to Saudi Arabian development. The positive aspects outweigh the negative ones."

He said many observers had feared that the development was too fast because it was built with foreign manpower. "But who wanted to wait 20 years to depend only on local labor," he asked.

But Nazer says there is now a de facto "freeze" on foreign labor and explains that the new third plan is very deliberately aimed at reducing the emphasis on infrastructure, which required the huge influx of foreign labor, and stressing instead the building of capital intensive low-manpower industries manned primarily by local nationals.

Talal briefs UAE ruler on welfare role

ABU DHABI, March 11 (SPA) — Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahayan, president of the United Arab Emirates, conferred here Tuesday with Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant secretary general of the United Nations for the affairs of UNICEF, the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund.

Prince Talal briefed Sheikh Zayed on the organization's activities, plans and its role in looking after children's welfare in general, and its efforts in the Gulf, in particular. The meeting was attended by UAE Minister of Labor and Social Affairs Saif Al-Jarwan. Prince Talal arrived here earlier in the day on a short visit.

Pakistan Embassy to hold luncheon

JEDDAH, March 11 — The Pakistan Embassy has planned forthrightly business luncheons to keep close contact with Pakistani businessmen, senior executives, and managers in the Kingdom, the embassy reported.

The first business luncheon will be held in Jeddah at Hotel Nova Park on Saturday, March 14, at 1:30 p.m.

The lunch is open to all Pakistani businessmen, executives and managers working in trading, commercial and business establishments in the Kingdom. The attendance will be on a self-payment basis.

He cited as an example the two huge industrial sites rising from the sand in Jubail on the Gulf and Yanbu on the Red Sea, whose high-technology, oil-based and steel complexes will require only 8,000 persons to run them. When these plants come onstream in the mid-1980's, Saudi Arabians are expected to account initially for 65 to 70 per cent of the total labor force.

Another example Nazer gave of labor-intensive industry was the \$12 billion gas-gathering system being erected in the Eastern Region's oil fields that needs only 500 experts to man it.

The government is placing enormous emphasis on manpower training for the citizens with the objective of "replacing foreign manpower by nationals to the maximum possible extent." Of the whopping \$237 billion investment scheduled over the next five years, nearly 19 per cent is earmarked for human development.

In answer to foreign skeptics of the assumption that there will eventually be enough skilled Saudi Arabians to man the economy, Nazer points to the giant Arabian American Oil Co. (Aramco), the country's single biggest industry, which he said was now 80 per cent Saudi in its staff.

A close reading of the third plan suggests that the "freeze" on the hiring of foreign labor may be in fact more theoretical than real and involve primarily a change in its character away from the manual to more skilled workers. While the plan foresees 65,000 foreign laborers leaving the country by 1985, primarily in the construction industry, it also estimates there will be an additional need for 74,000 foreigners, giving a net worth of 9,000. But according to the plan, this will be only a fraction of the total 155,000 jobs created during the five-year period.

Officials discuss industry concerns

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 11 — Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi met with the Secretary General of the Gulf Organization for Industrial Consultations Dr. Ali Al-Khalaf for talks about matters of interest to industrialists in the region. The organization is made up of members of all seven Arab states.

Meanwhile, it was announced here that the Swedish minister of industry will dedicate his country's industries exhibition which is due to open here next week. He will arrive on Friday. He will not hold talks about industrial relations with Saudi Arabian officials during the visit.

Commerce ministry sources that Minister Dr. Soliman Solaiman will lead a delegation to Japan for talks with Japanese officials about a number of trade issues and the results of the meetings held by the joint commission. Japan is the Kingdom's second largest exporter of goods.



Ansel Adams in Yosemite Valley

Featuring Ansel Adams

Photo exhibition scheduled

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 11 — The Ministry of Education's department of antiquities and ethnography is co-sponsoring an exhibition titled "Ansel Adams: Photographs of the American West," a U.S. embassy spokesman said Wednesday.

The exhibition opens to the public in Riyadh on March 14, but will have an official opening ceremony on March 18. U.S. Ambassador John West will be on hand at the official opening. The exhibition will show for three weeks at the Muraba Palace and will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily, except Friday. Women's hours are on Tuesdays.

The exhibition is one stop on a one-and-a-half year tour which includes showings in Tunisia, Morocco, Jordan, New Delhi and Syria. Exhibit organizer James Alinder of Carmel, California, explained in an interview with U.S. embassy personnel that the exhibition will include Ansel Adams' most important contributions in landscape photography.

For almost 70 years, Ansel Adams has photographed the natural beauty of the United States. "We went through several thousand photos and selected what I think will best represent a fairly-wide range of work from 1927 through 1963," Alinder said.

BRIEFS

Riyadh development group meets
RIYADH, March 11 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman chaired a meeting of the committee for the development of the capital at which it was decided to build 28 new clinics and several flyovers to ease the traffic congestion in the city.

Expressway contracts signed
RIYADH, March 11 (SPA) — Communications Minister Sheikh Hussain Mansouri signed contracts with seven national and foreign companies for the construction of the Riyadh-Dammam expressway which will link the capital with the Gulf. The road will cost over SR1,400 million. The contract was signed by executives of the companies involved.

Bone operation performed
JEDDAH, March 11 (SPA) — The first bone surgery in the Kingdom was performed successfully at the new Jeddah Central hospital. The surgery that involved replacing the whole thigh joint of a patient was done by a bone specialist, Dr. Omar Al-Baz. A similar operation on one foot joint for another patient was also done successfully three days ago.

Chambers of commerce meet
DAMMAM, March 11 (SPA) — The board of directors of the Chambers of commerce and industry of the Gulf region met here Wednesday to review a report submitted to it and decide on a number of issues including the standardizing of postal, telephone and telex bills in the area.

Libraries planned
JEDDAH, March 11 — Thirty nine new public libraries will be built soon in various parts of the country according to education ministry sources. There are already 30 such libraries, equipped with books and references. The new ones will have the same architecture.

Government employee training
RIYADH, March 11 — The current five-year plan of the Public Administration institute calls for the training of 39,700 government employees who will represent nearly 150 per cent of the total number of employees trained so far, according to its director, Dr. Muhammad Al Tawil, Okaz reported.

Al-Barak desalination plant
JEDDAH, March 11 — A desalination plant project for Al-Barak region will be issued as a tender, according to Sheikh Abdul Aziz Omar Nassif, Western Region director

Finland to offer expertise in electrification project

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, March 11 — A consultants agreement is now underway for experts from Finland to provide assistance to the Southern Province's electrification scheme, Finland's minister of industry and commerce said Wednesday.

Ulf Sundqvist told Arab News that the joint project will begin in a few weeks. Sundqvist arrived in Jeddah on the last leg of a six-day visit to the Kingdom, during which he discussed bilateral relations with several officials.

During the visit, Sundqvist held talks with Commerce Minister Soliman A. Solaim, Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail, Vice Minister of Planning Faisal Al-Bashir, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi. In addition, he visited agricultural projects in Qassim, industrial projects in Jubail and in Abha he met officials of the southern electrical company.

Sundqvist stressed the importance Saudi Arabian officials place on readiness to provide facilities for joint ventures. In addition he said it is important for his country to overcome communication barriers resulting from geographical distance between the two countries. In discussions with Prince Saud, the officials discussed bilateral issues, and Prince Saud informed the minister of Saudi Arabia's views on the Middle East. "He was positive toward the development of our relations, and we repeated our invitation to Prince Saud to visit Finland," Sundqvist said.

Saudi Arabia is the second largest supplier of crude oil to Finland after the Soviet Union.

According to Sundqvist it is a "very special relationship" that Petromin and Neste (Finland's national oil company) has. At present Finland is receiving 40,000 barrels a day of oil from the Kingdom, but the figure is to go up to 50,000 the minister reported.

Customs men hold training

Lee Patterson
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, March 11 — Saudi Arabian customs officers studying in Memphis, Tenn., have completed field work in Hawaii and San Francisco and will depart for home March 14.

The practical training, which is a two-year-old pilot program is a hands-on training effort of the Joint Economic Commission for Saudi Arabia. It has been well received, according to an American spokesperson. The program is the only one of its kind in the United States. Instruction and workshops are held weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and the men meet for a couple of hours of tutoring in the evenings.

Youth sports ministers meet

ABU DHABI, March 11 (SPA) — Prince Faisal bin Fahd, president of the Youth Welfare Organization, arrived here Tuesday evening to lead the Kingdom's delegation to meetings of the Executive Bureau of Arab Youth and Sports Ministers opening here Wednesday and the Arab Ministerial Youth and Sports Council opening Thursday.

Council for Youth Welfare met in Doha Tuesday under Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Qatar's crown prince, defense minister and president of the council. The meeting discussed a resolution of the Third Islamic Summit held in Taif last January along with an explanatory note on the organization of regular pan-Islamic games to be called "Islamic Solidarity Games."

Thirty-two Finnish companies are now located in the Kingdom, and Finland is working to build additional business relationships, he said. In addition, good references for Finland's expertise result from its being a country of rural villages, and as a result the country's experts understand the situation in Saudi Arabia, he added. The minister said parallels also exist in the field of technology transfer. Finland has maintained high standards and used natural resources to develop the country's industries according to its national needs, he added.

"Jubail is a very ambitious industrial scheme. But this is exactly the right approach to development," he said. In addition, Sundqvist said that Finnish expertise can be used for reforestation and area planning in agricultural sectors. Finland's and Saudi Arabia's ministers of agriculture will take up these issues when they meet in about a month, according to the official.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al-Amoudi
Al Medina

On the occasion of Cleanliness Week for which the Municipality of Jeddah is preparing, I remember — and perhaps our father Sheikh Muhammad Noor Rahimi also remembers — that once he argued my attention by saying that cleaning a town anywhere in the world is the responsibility of its inhabitants. The role of the municipality is only to give a helping hand in keeping the town clean, he said.

From the Sheikh's perceptions of people and his defense of municipalities, I thought an order had been issued appointing him the mayor of Jeddah or of any other town in the Kingdom. Indeed, his talk was convincing as it reflected the feelings of a citizen toward his national obligation.

He says our country is perhaps the only one in the world whose people do not have to pay any tax. Despite this, most of us lack the spirit of cooperation with the state. If you walk along Qabel street, Ashraaf street or King Abdul Aziz street or any other market during the evening, you will find it littered with the wastepaper from storehouses and groceries. The Sheikh views that the owners of these places must feel duty-bound to have the waste removed through sanitation companies.

The Sheikh feels that if an order is issued to supply plastic bags to buildings and houses and to see that they are properly used, it would give a healthy atmosphere to the town. In this way, our municipalities can save millions of riyals being spent on sanitation, without the people seeing what they actually want to see.

In most countries of the world, I have observed people revolting against anyone throwing trash on the street. In our country, we notice both the native and the alien throwing Pepsi cans and sandwich leftovers in the middle of the street.

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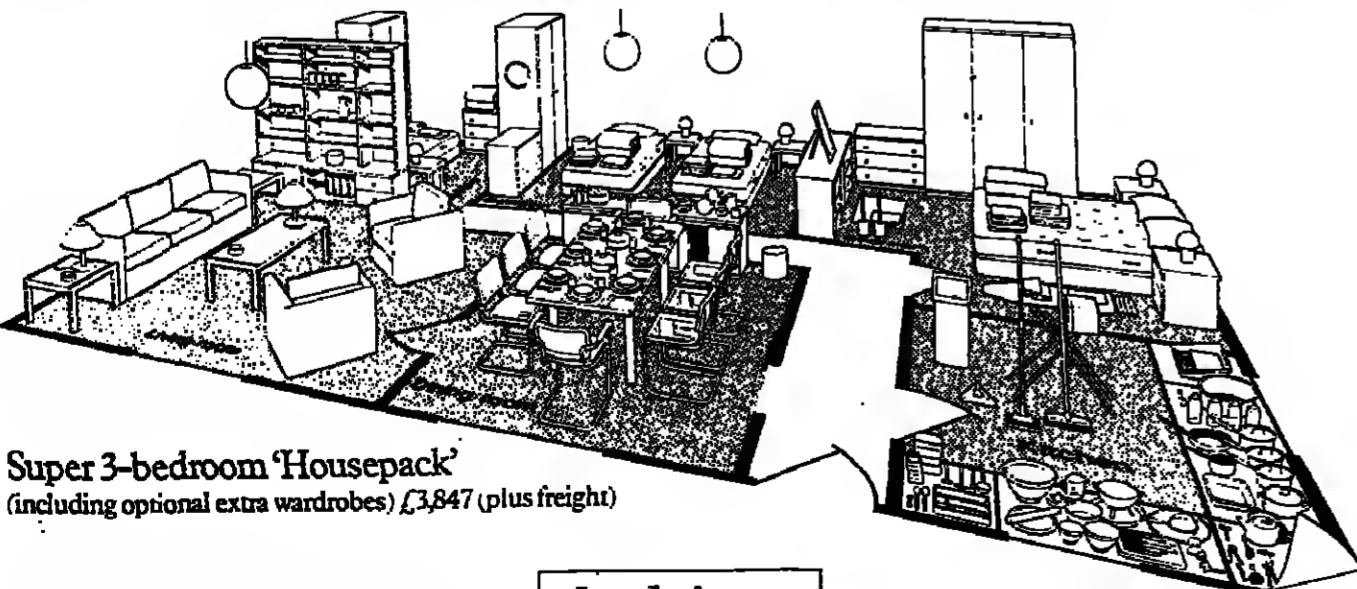
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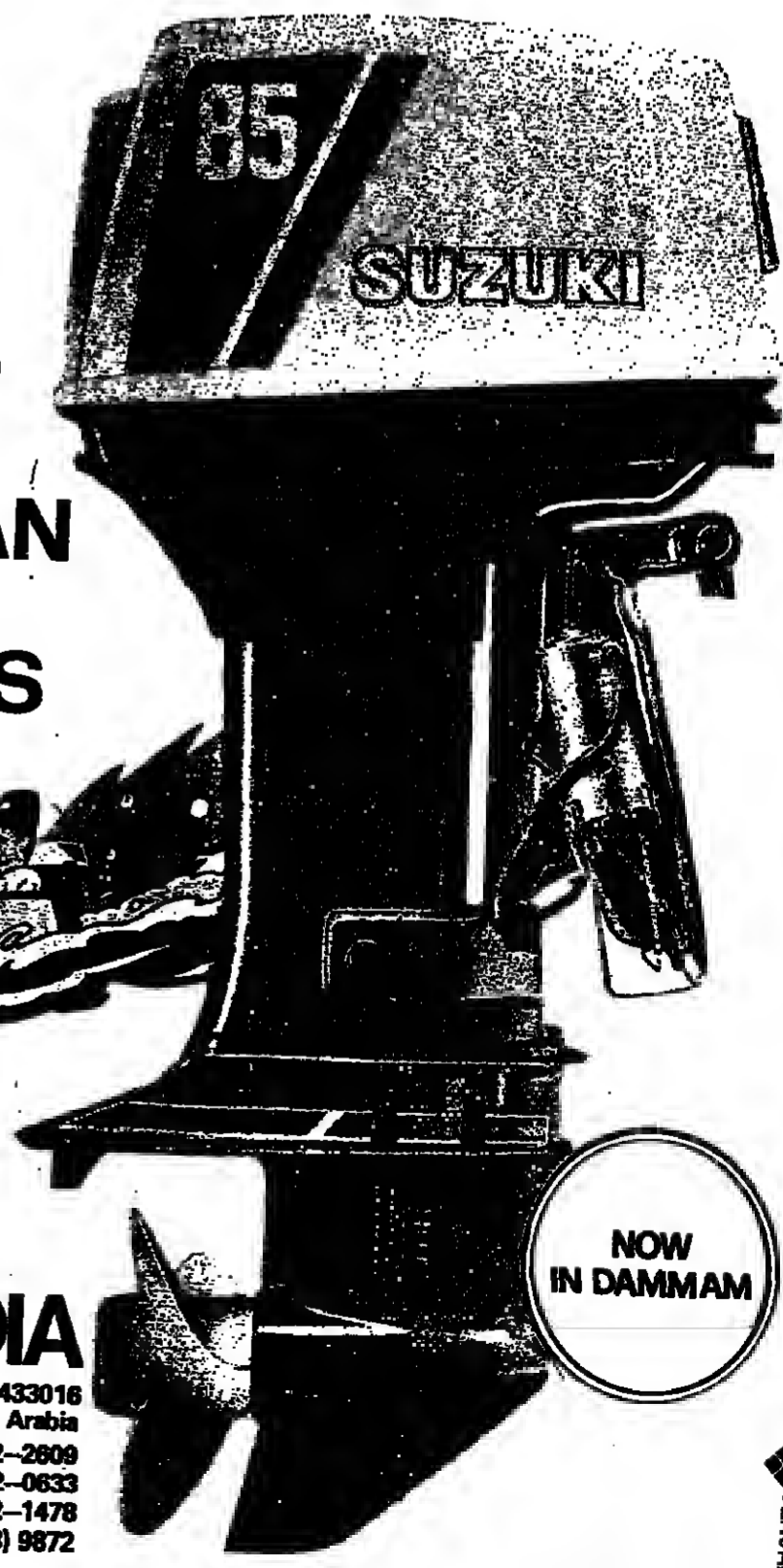
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New peace effort

Nonaligned group to visit Iran, Iraq

BEIRUT, March 11 (Agencies) — A four-man nonaligned committee will travel to Iran and Iraq soon in a fresh initiative to end the five-month-old war between the two countries, it was announced here.

The announcement was made in Geneva Tuesday at the end of two days of talks by the committee members — the foreign ministers of Cuba, India, Zambia and the foreign affairs spokesman of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The committee was formed by the nonaligned foreign ministers conference in New Delhi last month. It is headed by Cuba's Isidoro Malmierca, who has made sounding trips to Tehran and Baghdad during earlier

stages of the war.

A communique issued by the foreign ministers said Iran and Iraq had agreed to receive them and that they would remain in contact to proceed to the area "as soon as possible".

The announcement followed a Tehran radio report that the Iranian government had "modified its response" to a cease-fire plan proposed by an Islamic goodwill mission during talks with Iranian and Iraqi leaders last week.

However, it was not clear from the Tehran broadcast monitored in Kuwait, whether Iran has reversed its rejection to the Islamic peace plan that called for a cease-fire to go into effect at mid-night Thursday.

Appointment of new ministers

Iran Majlis refuses ratification

BEIRUT, March 11 (AP) — Twelve members of Iran's Majlis (parliament) walked out during a voting session blocking the approval of the appointment of two ministers to vacant posts in Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Raji's cabinet, the official Iranian news agency, Pars reported.

Majlis speaker Hojatoleslam Hasbemi Rafsanjani promptly cancelled the leave of all members and scheduled another session for the next day, Pars said. Sources in Tehran reported earlier that Hussein Kazempour had been appointed minister of economy and Hussein Namazi minister of commerce.

U.S. won't sell destroyers to Iran

NORFOLK, Virginia, March 11 (AP) The U.S. Navy will soon add four new destroyers to its fleet because a deal to sell the ships to Iran was canceled as part of the arms embargo against the Middle Eastern country after the U.S. embassy was seized in November 1979.

The first of the new destroyers, the USS Kidd, still is under construction at Ingalls shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi. It will be commissioned in June and based here.

Like Spruance-Class destroyers, the 563-foot Kidd can hunt and attack enemy submarines. But unlike them, the Kidd also is

equipped to shoot down enemy planes with surface-to-air missiles and will carry the new Phalanx weapon, a gun that can shoot down airborne targets at short range, officials said.

"We are a triple-threat ship," said Lt. David Perrich, the ship's operations officer. He and the rest of the 150 future crewmen now are being trained in Norfolk. "It's the best looking warship the navy has built since World War II," he said.

The Kidd's sister vessels will be the Callaghan, Scott and Chandler. All four are named for admirals killed in World War II.



BRAVING SNOW: Iranian troops advance in the snow-covered mountainous area of Marivan, west of Iran. (AP wirephoto)

Returning of Libyan grant

Arabs regret Georgetown U action

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 11 — Georgetown University's decision to return a \$600,000 endowment grant from Libya has prompted expressions of "deep regret" not only from Arab students but also the university's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (CCAS), the recipient of the grant. The Arab Student Organization of Georgetown University and the executive committee of the center have both requested separate meetings with university President Rev. Timothy Healy to discuss the decision to return the grant to Libya.

Healy announced Feb. 23 he had returned the controversial gift to the Libyan government because the university did not "feel comfortable" having its name associated with Libya which "continued accent on violence as a normal method of international policy." The Libyan endowment fund was set up in 1977 to endow a new academic chair in Arab culture, named after Libyan nationalist hero Umar al-Mukhtar. The chair is currently held

by Prof. Hisham Sharahi.

The CCAS executive committee was not consulted on the decision to return the Libyan grant, according to a committee memorandum obtained by Arab News. "Apart from the merits of the decision itself," the committee members said in their memorandum for the record, "the committee would like to register its deep regret that the process through which the decision was made violated the fundamental values on which the university, a community of scholars, rests."

"The exclusion of the faculty and administrators directly involved with the Center (for Contemporary Arab Studies) was, in our view, a serious error."

Most importantly, the members said, the center's participation in the decision-making process might have mitigated "the strongly held feeling by many faculty, U.S. corporate supporters, students and certainly Arab supporters that the president (Healy) was, in effect, captive of the center's most persistent and powerful attackers — the American Jewish committee and other pro-Israel organizations."

PLO plans bureau in Dublin

DUBLIN, March 11 (AFP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization has plans to open a bureau here and set up a "friends of Palestine Association" in the Irish Republic. London PLO representative Ramlawi has said.

Ramlawi said Tuesday he would shortly approach Irish Foreign Minister Brian Lenihan on the matter, adding that the PLO expected the republic to uphold "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" and the project of an independent Palestinian state. Authoritative sources here said the government was not opposed to the opening of a PLO office here but added that it would not be granted diplomatic status.

The Irish Republic recognizes only sovereign states and international organizations, the sources added. The PLO proposal was criticized by Rabbi David Rosen, the head of the Jewish community in Ireland.

Heavy Soviet assault on Kandahar reported

NEW DELHI, March 11 (AP) — Afghan forces loyal to President Babrak Karmal have recaptured Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city, where fighters has been entrenched for the past year, an Afghan exile source reported. The source quoted travelers from Kabul Tuesday saying that skirmishes between Kandahar residents and troops were occurring every day.

"It is reported that lorries are standing by in many localities of the city and that search parties seize youths between 15-30 years and carry them off for military services," the source said. His report could not be independently confirmed and there was no mention of Soviet involvement in the fighting.

Reports from the area have said that Soviet forces have launched heavy assaults on Kandahar to dislodge the fighters.

A reliable Kabul source said last week that the Mujahideen or Afghan "freedom fighters" were occupying more than 80 per cent of the city and that Russians were bombarding parts of Kandahar with helicopter gunships and MiG jet fighters.

Japan's *Asahi Shimbun* reported Thursday that some 500 North Korean ground troops are stationed in Afghanistan augmenting some 85,000 Soviet forces.

The paper quoting a Western military source, also said that there are 1,500 Cuban soldiers, 1,000 Vietnamese, 1,000 Bulgarians and 400 East Germany there.

Except for two German medical battalions, all forces are combat troops, according to the paper. Pyongyang has been critical of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, with the north's chieftain Kim Il-Sung saying that he would oppose any "hegemonism."

Syria assures full support to end crisis in Lebanon

DAMASCUS, March 11 (Agencies) Lebanese President Elias Sarkis was assured of Syrian support to help end the crisis in Lebanon when he arrived in Damascus for talks with President Hafez Assad on Lebanese and regional problems.

President Assad who greeted Sarkis on his arrival Tuesday said Syria would do what it could to help. But he added that all Lebanese factions should also assume their responsibility and contribute to a solution.

Official sources in Beirut said the two presidents would discuss security in Lebanon, tension in the southern areas bordering Israel, the Middle East crisis in general and bilateral relations.

Syria has some 30,000 troops in Lebanon acting as a peace-keeping force. Sarkis, who last met President Assad in May 1979, was accompanied Tuesday by Prime Minister Shafiq Al-Wazzan and Foreign Minister Butros.

Sarkis told reporters he hoped that his talks with the Syrian leader would lead to positive

results, further strengthening the ties between the two countries.

Among the topics discussed between the two leaders were issues concerning security in Lebanon and the situation in the south, target repeated Israeli attacks against Palestinian commandos.

There was speculation here that Sarkis and Assad might discuss the possibility of the withdrawal of some of the 22,000 Syrian peacekeeping troops from certain tense areas in Beirut and other parts of the country. Lebanese nationalist forces told President Assad Monday they would refuse such a move because of their distrust of the rebuilding Lebanese army, which they accuse of siding with the Lebanese right-wing Christians.

Official sources here rule out the possibility that Assad may accept such a proposal. Instead, they say, he will insist on Lebanese national entente or reunification before any withdrawals. President Sarkis may also propose a dialogue between the Syrians and Lebanese Phalange Party, sources said.

Turkey blames France for killings

ANKARA, March 11 (AFP) — Turkey has chastised France for not taking sufficient measures to protect Turkish diplomats on French soil, following the killing of two envoys in France last week.

In a message to his French counterpart Jean Francois Poncet, Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen expressed "irritation and dissatisfaction" over the gunning down of the two on a crowded Paris street, Tuesday last week.

The Turkish people were expecting for results after France had pledged its determination to Ankara to stem acts terrorism and Turkmen recalled a request Ankara had

made for extra security precautions to be taken to protect Turkish officials in Paris.

The killings brought to five the number of Turkish diplomats killed in Paris since the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA) mounted a wave of terrorism six years ago.

At a Beirut news conference Tuesday, two hooded men reiterated earlier claims that the killings were the work of ASALA and said they had taken part in the attacks. They said that Resat Norali, one of the two murdered diplomats, was "an agent of the CIA and a Liaison officer between the Turkish and the French."

BRIEFS

TEHRAN, (R) — A leading Iranian clergyman Tuesday offered Iran's support for the proposed merger between Libya and Chad. Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, was speaking in the city of Qom to an Arab delegation led by Libyan secretary for foreign affairs Ali Abdul-Salam Tureiki.

DAMASCUS, (AP) — Syria's information minister Ahmad Iskandar Ahmed, inaugurated a new relay station for Syrian television in Souweyda in south west Syria Tuesday, officials reported. Presidents of the occupied Golan Heights north Israel, and north Jordan will be able to watch the Syrian television programs.

ROME, (AP) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi Tuesday condemned Italy's Red Brigades and West Germany's Baader Meinhof groups as terrorists, but said the Irish Republican Army and Palestine Liberation Organization fight for "just" causes.

NEW YORK, (AP) — Twelve crewmen of

the sunken Israeli freighter, *Mazda*, were still unaccounted for Wednesday and the U.S. Coast Guard and the navy said they will continue their search of a 6,000-square-mile area in the Bermuda triangle.

CAIRO, (AP) — Insisting he was here on "a private visit as a private citizen," former Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan would not tell reporters what he and President Anwar Sadat talked about during their hour-long meeting here Tuesday.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israel's military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Raphaeli Eytan, said Tuesday, he sees no difference between Arab land conquered in the 1967 Mideast war and the Jewish state proper.

LONDON, (AFP) — Visiting Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi, at a meeting here with British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, Tuesday said that Iraq had never sought to annex Iranian territories and reiterated his government's wish to negotiate with Tehran an end to the war.

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Warning to U.N.

Pretoria denounces move for sanctions

UNITED NATIONS, March 11 (Agencies) — South Africa has said it wants a peaceful, internationally recognized settlement in Namibia, and warned that sanctions against Pretoria would harm all of southern Africa. South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha stated Pretoria's view in a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim urging what he termed a cool, clear-headed approach to the Namibia problem.

At the same time, informed diplomats said, African delegates were privately proposing

Algiers as the site of a Security Council meeting late next month to consider economic sanctions against South Africa over the Namibia issue. Western members of the 15-nation council were reported opposed to the idea.

In his letter given Monday Botha charged the General Assembly had been militant and punitive last Friday in passing a resolution calling on the Security Council to impose mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa for failing to grant independence to Namibia (Southwest Africa). Because the economies of the southern African nations were linked, he said, the poorest of these would suffer most from sanctions.

Botha said: South Africa will not take sanctions lying down but will certainly consider all her options and react appropriately to safeguard her own interests.

Describing the exclusion of South Africa from last week's U.N. General Assembly debate on Namibia as illegal, Botha said that trade between South Africa and the rest of the continent over the past year had grown by well over \$1,500 million.

Botha describing a series of anti-South African resolutions adopted by the General Assembly Friday as contrary to the U.N. charter because of South Africa's exclusion from the debate. The main resolution called on the U.N. Security Council to impose mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa because of its policy toward the U.N.-sponsored Namibian settlement which would have brought the former German colony to independence before the end of the year.

Botha said that no independence settlement could be found for Namibia if the "internal democratic parties" were excluded from the decision-making process. He denounced the General Assembly resolutions because they described the black nationalist Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) as the sole legitimate representative of the Namibian people, no less than 15 times.

"The militant approach reflected by the latest resolutions of the General Assembly only served to jeopardize the achievement of genuine independence for Namibia," he said.

CIA studying curbs

WASHINGTON, March 11 (R) — The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is trying to decide if restrictions on its intelligence-gathering operations are hampering U.S. efforts to deal with international terrorism, agency officials said Wednesday. The CIA was studying the curbs imposed by former presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter but had not made any final recommendations, the officials said.



SPACE SHUTTLE ASTRONAUTS: Robert Crippen (left) and John Young open the doors concealing the payload compartment of a scale model of the Columbia during a press conference at the Johnson Space Center in Houston Monday. Crippen and Young are scheduled to be the first astronauts to fly the space shuttle on an orbital flight.

Astronauts predict

Columbia trip may be short

SPACE CENTER, Houston, March 11 (AP) — The astronauts who will fly the first space shuttle have said that failure of any major system could lead to an early end to the maiden flight of the Columbia next month.

"The way we designed the mission, now we will probably come home early," astronaut Robert Crippen said at a news conference. "Just about anything can break and we'll decide to go ahead and terminate it." The launch of the reusable spacecraft tentatively is scheduled for April 7. The first flight is to last 54½ hours with Crippen and commander John Young at the controls.

Young expressed some doubt Monday that the scheduled landing site, the Mojave desert lakebed at Edwards Air Force base in California, will be dry enough for landing. Recent rains have flooded large areas of the site. If the Edwards site is deemed unusable, the shuttle land at White Sands, New Mexico.

Work has begun at the Cape Canaveral launch site to remove, repair and replace 17 insulating panels that loosened from the shuttle's huge external tank recently. The rebounding operation began Sunday and is expected to take about two weeks. After that, a definite launching date will be set. Space officials now are saying only that they are aiming for the week of April 5.

"If we get a couple of significant failures,

we will come home on the first day, probably on the fifth revolution (of earth)," Crippen said. The full mission is 36 orbits long, but Young said just getting the shuttle into space and back will satisfy most of the flight's objectives. He called the flight "a conservative mission."

In addition to landing sites at Edwards, White Sands and Cape Canaveral, there are contingency sites at Rota, Spain, Okinawa and Hickam field in Hawaii. For instance, the Columbia would land at Rota if two of its three engines failed during liftoff and Young said that would be "the fastest trans-Atlantic flight ever." With the failure of one engine, the astronauts still could get into orbit.

The news conference, held Monday at the Johnson Space Center where the flight controllers will be during the mission, was the last for the astronauts before the shuttle's first test. Seven days before the flight, they will go into a medical quarantine to minimize their contact with other people.

Crippen said failure of any of the 20 motors that drive the latches, which close the shuttle's huge cargo doors, would cause the flight to be ended early.

Mozambique to parade CIA spy ringleaders

LONDON, March 11 (Agencies) — Mozambique is to put on public show a number of people detained last week in connection with an alleged United States Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) spy ring, Maputo Radio has reported. The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), quoted a security ministry spokesman as saying that the detainees would be presented at a news conference Friday.

A Mozambique newspaper claimed Tuesday that one of the six Americans expelled from the country last week was a CIA station chief who used social contacts to lead Mozambicans into "subversive activities."

The newspaper *Noticias* named the American as Frederick Lundahl, a second secretary to the U.S. embassy in the Mozambican capital of Maputo. Lundahl was one of four embassy staff members ordered expelled last Wednesday by the Marxist Mozambican government, which claimed to have broken up a major CIA spy ring. The wives of two of the Americans also were ordered out. The six flew to the United States last Friday.

State Department officials in Washington have said the expulsions resulted in part from unsuccessful attempts by Cuban diplomats and Mozambique officials to recruit one of the diplomats as a spy. They would not identify the diplomat or say if any of the four were CIA agents.

Noticias claimed Lundahl was a trained pilot and parachutist. He has "extremely

interested" in Mozambique's civil aviation establishment and recruited several agents for the CIA in this sector, it said.

The newspaper said the CIA was most interested in the flight staff that normally traveled with President Samora Machel, flights scheduled for the president and other top officials, airport security, the quantity of aircraft spare parts and the identities of the main aircraft mechanics.

Meanwhile, the Soviet news agency Tass claimed Tuesday that the U.S. embassy in Maputo supplied information to South African troops for raids on guerrilla bases in Mozambique.

Quoting reports from Maputo, Tass said it had been "proved" that American diplomats expelled from Mozambique "were supplying the racists with secret information...used South African punitives during the recent piratic raid."

U.S. needs time to study sea law, Waldheim told

UNITED NATIONS, March 11 (Agencies) — A U.N. spokesman has said that James Malone, the United States' new chief delegate to the law of the sea conference here, told Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim the new U.S. administration "needed more time to study the whole package" of proposals embodied in a pending text for a general treaty on sea law.

The spokesman informed reporters that in conferring with Waldheim late Monday, Malone said all other interpretations of the Reagan administration's position were incorrect and that the United States' decision to review the pending text did not prejudice the stand it might eventually take on particular provisions.

The yet unfinished treaty provides for seabed mining by both private industry and an international authority.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass Tuesday accused the United States of sabotaging the law of the sea conference to prevent limitations on U.S. companies' exploitation of the seabed.

Tass said the United States had shown complete disregard for the interests of the world community and was jeopardizing the entire work of the conference.

"It is no secret to anyone that Washington sabotaged the adopting of the convention to suit U.S. corporations that have been pressing for the 'right' of uncontrolled exploitation of the seabed in international areas," Tass added.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AP) — Britain is negotiating an arms deal worth more than \$1.32 billion with Nigeria to bolster the west African country's defenses, official sources reported Tuesday. They said that details of the deal are not likely to be finalized until later this month when Nigerian President Shehu Shagari visits London.

TOKYO, (AP) — Japan has established diplomatic relations with Albania, the foreign ministry announced Tuesday. Officials said details regarding the level of relations and exchange of envoys would be decided at a later date.

LONDON, (AP) — A late 17th century statue, the Lambeth group of two lovers, was sold at Sotheby's Tuesday for \$61,600 a record price for a piece of English pottery. Sotheby's said the purchaser wished to remain anonymous.

MIAMI, Florida, (AP) — An explosion and fire injured 10 workers at a power plant in the Cuban city of Regia and blacked out electricity to parts of Cuba, Havana Radio said Tuesday night.

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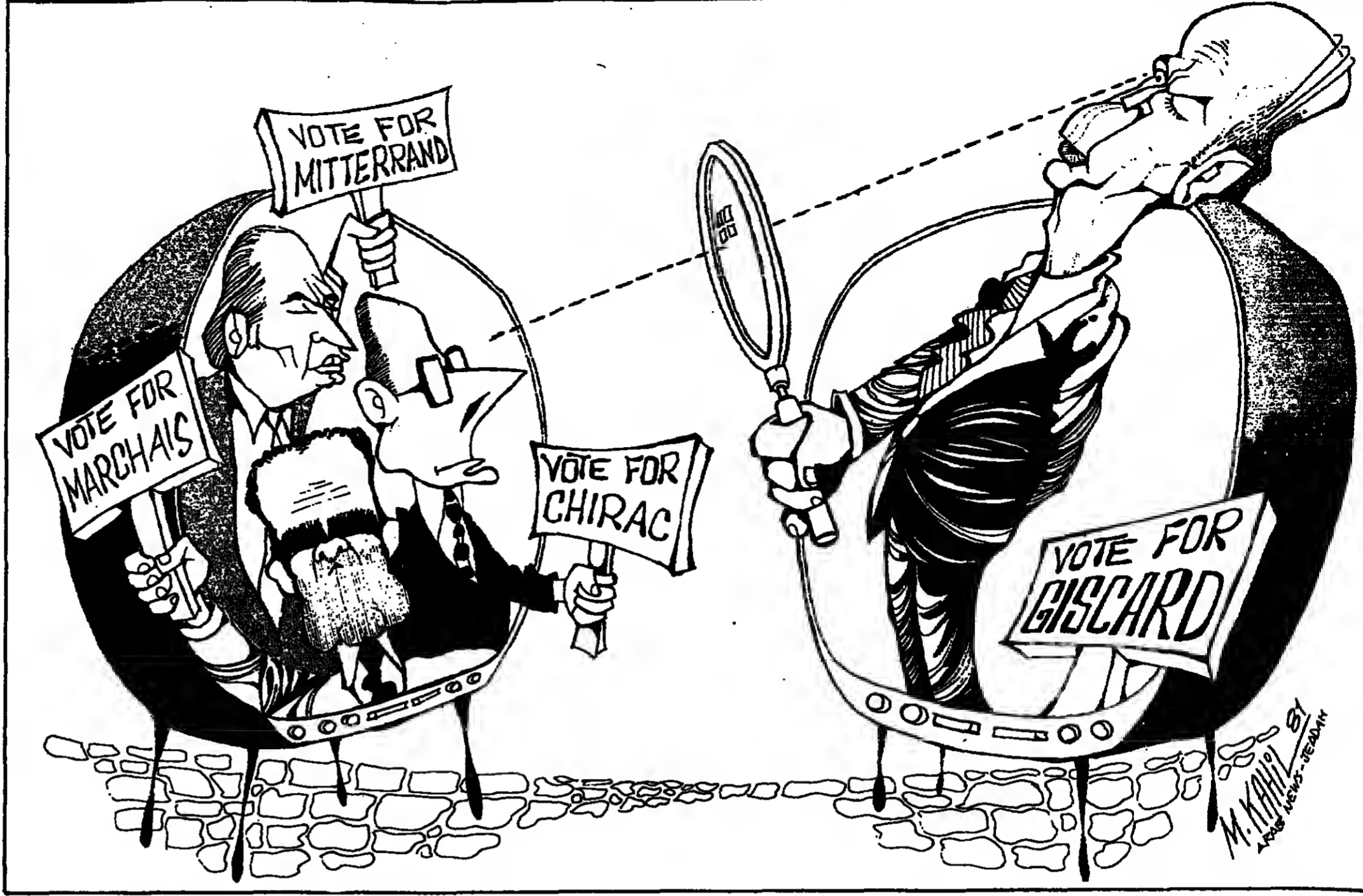
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Egyptian press fears new restrictions

By Shyam Basfia

CAIRO — The Egyptian press is bracing itself for the regular bashing it receives from the authorities. It has become customary for local journalists to receive warnings every six months, sometimes more often, to behave or face the wrath of the government. The warnings usually come in September, the most popular holiday month, and the period of the *Khamseen*, about the beginning of March, when hot, dry winds start blowing in from the desert.

This year the *Khamseen* started two weeks earlier than normal and brought in its wake President Sadat's admonition to 300 unnamed "mischievous" journalists alleged to be betraying the traditions of their country.

There are no current examples of the torture or imprisonment of journalists in Egypt. Such practices died out at the end of the Nasser era.

One survivor of that period, former proprietor and editor of *Al-Akhar*, Mustapha Amin, now a columnist with the same paper, has written a graphic account of how he was tortured in one of Nasser's prisons as an alleged CIA agent.

Another veteran of the same generation, Adel Sabit, former editor of an economics weekly and a relative of ex-King Farouk, was locked up and faced mock execution.

Government influence today is exercised in a less

oppressive and more sophisticated way. It begins with an unwritten rule, observed by all, that forbids personal criticism of the head of state and his immediate family. Individual journalists deemed to be hostile may find that their articles mysteriously fail to appear in their newspapers, although they continue to receive full salary.

Guidelines for editorial writers may sometimes be issued by what is wryly termed here as the Office of the Freedom of the Press. In General, however, since Sadat appoints the editors of major newspapers, and meets them regularly, it is hardly difficult for the government to put across its point of view.

Better-known writers who cannot publish in Egypt find outlets abroad. They include Hassanain Heykal, former editor of *Al-Akhar* and leftist intellectuals like Loufi el Khouli and Muhammad Sid Ahmad.

Here again, a system of incentives and disincentives applies. Those who write for foreign newspapers without the government's permission are forbidden by law from being published at home. When the law was passed last year, one prominent journalist, Ibrahim Saada, editor of *Akhar el Yam*, turned down a handsome offer from a Gulf newspaper to be their columnist from Egypt. He was publicly praised by Sadat and offered the plum job of editing the new ruling party newspaper, due to start publication later this year.

Government interference is least in evidence among the newspapers of opposition parties. Editors of the opposition *Al-Shaab*, *Al-Akhar* and the small Communist weekly, *Al-Takadam*, make their own decisions about what to publish and when. *Al-Shaab* last month made space available for a former Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmi, who strongly criticized the government's decision to ratify the new Foreign Non-Proliferation Treaty without first seeking guarantees that Israel also would do the same.

More critical than *Al-Shaab* is *Al-Daawa*, the magazine of the Muslim Brothers, which hits out at home and foreign governments alike.

Journalists are worried that the precious freedoms they still possess are in danger of being whittled away by new legislation. They oppose in particular a new ethics law, a broad set of "moral" principles, that could be used against those who refuse to conform. Another concern is the government's intention of taking away many of the self-policing powers of the journalists' union, the Press Syndicate, and transferring them to a new "Higher Press Council" that will have powers to adjudicate on complaints against the press.

The Higher Press Council is fiercely opposed by a hard core of journalists who also fear the takeover of their hitherto independent syndicate, at present divided evenly between pro- and anti-establishment figures.

Sugar crisis haunts Caribbean

By Jeremy Taylor

PORT OF SPAIN — Cane sugar, the traditional economic backbone of the Caribbean islands, is in deep trouble. The crisis lies not so much in Cuba, but in the English speaking islands. "In 10 years the Caribbean will be producing sugar any more," said a sugar unit official in Trinidad. "If we can't modernize a diversified industry, it will die."

This is particularly true of Trinidad and Jamaica and to some extent Guyana, Barbados and St. Kitts where last year's harvests were the worst in the decades. Sugar in both Trinidad and Jamaica is losing money fast. Trinidad's state-owned industry lost \$60 million last year and Jamaica's state-owned factories expect accumulated losses of \$44 million by the end of this year's harvest.

Only in Cuba do sugar prospects look more promising. Despite problems, the Cubans are now investing \$1.8 billion in the industry over the next few years and new mills are planned. The decline in market for cane is a major problem. World market prices have fluctuated wildly in the last few years and the Caribbean producers have found their no stable outlet in the guaranteed prices offered by the European Economic Community under the Lomé Convention.

But Caribbean cane now faces increased competition from European beet, artificial sweeteners and falling consumption. In January, the British corporation Tate and Lyle, which buys nearly all the Caribbean's exports to Europe, announced the closure of its 300,000-ton refinery in Liverpool.

Caribbean producers have been promised steep export quotas, but some see the writing on the wall. The European market is going to contract. The only Caribbean producer to improve its performance last year was Barbados, which produced 135,000 tons — its biggest crop since 1971 — and is pushing ahead with plans for greater mechanization of the industry. Jamaica and Trinidad, on the other hand, are producing only half of what they managed 15 years ago.

Caribbean sugar is rooted in the plantation, the most odious of colonial institutions. The work is back-breaking and miserably paid. All Caribbean producers incur high costs, because the industry is small-scale, inefficient and labor-intensive, and cannot compete directly with larger cane producers.

In Trinidad, the industry has been losing \$400 million each ton of sugar produced. The state has poured \$200 million into sugar over the last five years, and will have to find \$600 million more before 1986 to keep the business going and protect jobs. Cane disease, fires and chronic labor shortages have pushed costs higher still.

Faced with these problems, the Caribbean producers — now reaping this year's crops in unusually wet weather — are being slowly forced to consider rationalizing their operations. This initially means reducing their dependence on an erratic export market where buyers set the price. It will also mean restructuring so as to refine sugar for local markets, increasing mechanization, and deliberately moving toward diversification, or producing from cane the wide range of derivatives now available and transferring some sugar lands to food and dairy farming.

BREZHNEV'S MESSAGES

Nothing much changes in the relations between East and West. Periodically as is happening now, the Soviet ambassadors to Western capitals rush as one to the respective heads of government, carrying special messages from Brezhnev. London, Paris, Rome, Washington and Bonn all sit up to take notice. But nothing happens.

Or, at least, what happens then is something which has acquired the predictability of a ritual. The messages from the Kremlin come full of pious sentiments about the possibility of and the need for further cooperation on all the outstanding issues — sentiments which the Communist propaganda machine takes up and amplifies and broadcasts all over the world.

The message then takes up the issues of the day — and this year there is no lack of themes: Afghanistan, disarmament, the Gulf and its security, security for the Red Sea — and gives a clutch of "positive initiatives" on the way to resolve them. The same propaganda machine hails the "initiatives" as proof of the peaceability of Soviet intentions, predicting a rosy future for all once the West comes to its senses and acts on them.

The West's reaction then comes. Its media goes into action before the messages are opened. Official "guarded" statements then come out, acknowledging receipt of messages but wondering loudly why there is nothing new in them. Hidden meanings are speculated on, assumptions examined and reexamined. Then the whole thing is allowed to drop until next year when the ritual is reenacted.

S. Africa blacks losing patience with 'reforms'

By Patrick Laurence

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's 20 million voteless blacks will be of central importance to the all-white general election at the end of April. The whites will have to choose between race policies ranging from the hard-line white supremacist stance of the Herstigte Nasionale Party through to the "reformist" strategy of the ruling National Party and the call for a new national convention by the Progressive Federal Party.

As for the blacks themselves, the signs are that an increasing number is no longer interested in the "solutions" proposed by the whites. A recent survey by the University of South Africa in Soweto, the largest of the black townships, disclosed that nearly a quarter of Soweto's people had lost faith in peaceful change and saw revolution as the best way to improve their lot.

The only solace for white liberals was that the findings could have been worse. Earlier research between 1977 and 1979 by Professor Lawrence Schlemmer, of the University of Natal, found that black feelings of anger and impatience had reached "critical proportions."

In the light of his research — which pointed to a "disturbing deterioration" in black attitudes since the Soweto rebellion of 1976-77 Schlemmer said of

the latest survey: "I am surprised. I would have expected Soweto to be more radical."

Surveys may, of course, underestimate black support for radical movements espousing violence. Radical movements are nearly all outlawed and open identification with them invites prosecution under a host of security laws, all of which carry heavy penalties. Moreover, endorsement of violence, particularly if it is open to interpretation as incitement to racial hatred, is illegal.

Thus surveys which highlight black sympathy for, say, the banned African National Congress, its imprisoned leader, Nelson Mandela, or its guerrilla fighters, may project a falsely reassuring picture to liberal whites.

Last month's response of blacks in Soweto, at a memorial service for the 12 ANC men killed by South African soldiers during the January raid on Maputo, Mozambique, may be adduced as evidence for this view. The blacks roared their approval when Dr. Nthanto Motlana, one of the few black leaders still allowed to operate outside of the officially approved system, described the killing of the ANC men as "first degree murder."

It was reminiscent of the way in which young blacks in Soweto acclaimed the ANC gunmen who were shot dead in January last year after they took over a bank near Pretoria and held whites hostage

against fulfillment of their demands. Tough police action, which resulted in the death of the three gunmen, was meant as a warning to blacks inclined to violence.

But when the three men were buried in Soweto they were lionized. Their funeral processions were mobbed. Streets became impassable to vehicles as the swirling mass of mourners paid homage to the "freedom fighters."

Nonetheless, most blacks — according to the surveys — still believe in the possibility of peaceful change. These blacks try to encourage whites to vote for reform, to turn away from the danger of racial confrontation. Political rights and higher wages aside, the age-old longing for land remains a major issue, both in "black homelands" — to which black landownership is still restricted — and in the "prescribed" urban areas of white-designated South Africa.

But land is also a sensitive issue in the white community, and there are signs that Prime Minister P. W. Botha is retreating from his initial "reformist" stance. Where he once held out the hope of the black homelands receiving more than the limit of 14 per cent set by the 1936 Land Act, he now seems to be bridging in face of a campaign by the Herstigte Nasionale Party against "surrender of white land." (ONIS)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Wednesday mostly led with the Gulf Arab foreign ministers' conference in Muscat, saying they have initiated the statute of the Gulf Cooperation Council. Meanwhile, *Okaz* reported in a lead story that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher would discuss the European initiative during her forthcoming visit to Saudi Arabia.

Newspapers frontpaged the resolutions of the conference of Gulf Arab information ministers. They also gave page one coverage to the Syro-Lebanese summit now being held in Damascus to discuss security, the political situation and the Zionist onslaught on South Lebanon.

Newspaper editorials discussed the positive results of the conference of Gulf Arab foreign ministers in Muscat, and said that an extremely significant stage has begun in the history of the Gulf region. The Gulf Cooperation Council will be strong enough to crush the ambitions of the major powers, and will show the correct path to intensify efforts to achieve social, cultural and economic development of the region, they said.

Al Medina noted that the speed with which the statutes of the cooperation council have been prepared provides an outstanding testimony to the unity of objective in the region. The paper recalled that the Arab states of the Gulf have age-old reaffirms the region's determination and resolve to consolidate cooperation among the states of the region in various fields.

On the same subject, *Al Yam* expressed the view that the creation of the cooperation council has taken place at the right time, since it expresses the keen desire of the peoples of the Gulf for fruitful and serious cooperation based on sound foundations. It was a matter of gratification that discussions ended soon without showing any difference, it said, adding that the completion of the council's statute has given an official shape to it and has added a new strength to the states of the Gulf. The Council would be a deterrent to the ambitions of the major powers and would show the right path toward social, cultural and economic development of the region.

Al Nadwa described the current week as the week of joint Gulf activity which resulted in the completion of the statute for the cooperation council. The paper added that the council and the benefits that are expected to accrue from it would hit back at alien designs and belie all their claims that the Gulf region stands in need of someone to protect it from threats. It called upon the superpowers to keep away from the region so it can work for the realization of peace and prosperity of the peoples of the region.

In editorial, *Al Bilad* observed that the cooperation council has provided basic indications for the development of positive relations in the region. It said the foreign ministers council's role in the achievement of hopes and aspirations of the peoples of the region. Since the big powers look toward this region with ambitious aims, the Arab leaderships found it a matter of obligation to adopt constructive measures at all levels.

Okaz noted that the cooperation council begins an important stage in the history of the Gulf region since it heralds a new era of cooperation and coordination for the sake of the region's progress and prosperity. Now that the cooperation council has become a tangible reality, it would exert serious efforts in confronting the challenges, reinforcing cooperation and opening new channels of collective work by the Arab states of the Gulf. The paper added that this auspicious step of the Gulf states must be blessed by the countries of the world, as it would work for cooperation and coherence among the states of the region.

On the other hand, *Al Riyad* discussed the Zionist claims that the balance of power in the Middle East would suffer a setback if President Reagan's administration insists on the supply of modern weapons to some of the Middle Eastern states.

Israel has mobilized all its media machinery to stop the U.S. from taking any such action and, in order to impede the American decision, the Zionists have escalated their assault on South Lebanon, the paper said. It added that Israel does not care for Washington's displeasure nor for its interests in the region, and this is the point from where the difference starts between the U.S. and Israel. The U.S. cannot afford to stay in a situation in which it continues to jeopardize its vital interests in more than one region of the world. The paper urged the American administration to take resolute steps to belie Israeli claims.

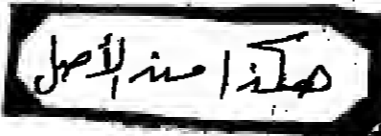


Letter to the editor

Dear Sir,
 It was very much interesting to read your article headlined "The Saga Of Survival" on Feb. 24, 1981. It was real good lesson for all those who go out to sea for fishing and fun. I congratulate and appreciate the efforts of Saudi Coast Guards and Civil Defense in saving the life of those four foreigners.

This survival story has made not only the survivors safety conscious but also the others who read it. I have been once caught and warned by the coast guard for fishing in the outer sea without a valid license.

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JEDDAH

PRINCE SAUD BIN ABDUL MOHSIN opened the *Tag Art's Gallery* off Madinah Road north of Hyatt Regency Hotel, Tuesday. Jointly owned by *Abdul Aziz Abu Enan, Akram Oggek*, and Frenchman *Alexander Calder*, it is the first art center in Saudi Arabia. On display and sale are paintings, sculptures, lithographies and other artifacts both Oriental and Occidental. Plans are underway, according to its proprietors, to establish a similar gallery in Riyadh.

MRS. HAFIZKA, wife of the Indian ambassador, invited a group of ladies to a luncheon last Wednesday. Her guests, from different walks of life, enjoyed spicy Indian food.

LAURETTE BONARD, wife of the general manager of *Hyatt Regency Hotel*, invited group of friends to taste the Chinese food prepared by the new Cantonese chef of the Hyatt. A ten-course meal with exotic names was served in typical Chinese way. The menu, handwritten by the chef, was a souvenir for each guest. The Hyatt will open a Chinese restaurant shortly.

AL FAISALIYAH WOMEN'S WELFARE SOCIETY has planned a children's day Thursday, March 12, to observe International Year of the Handicapped. Children from eleven schools in Jeddah including the specialised education schools and children from the Meccah-based society will participate. Program begins at 6:00 p.m. and tickets for SR50 can be obtained at the door. Please come and help in a good cause.

FIRST PAKISTANI BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCH, organized by the Pakistani Embassy, will be held at the *Nova Park Hotel* Saturday, March 14, at 1:30 p.m. It is open to all Pakistani businessmen, executives and managers. Attendance will be on self-payment basis. For further information contact the commercial division, Pakistan Embassy, Tel. No. 6691054.

ON MARCH 17 a coffee morning will be held at the residence of Canadian Ambassador *Jacques S. Ray* who recently arrived in Jeddah. All Canadian women in the area are invited to come and meet the ambassador.

THE ORIENTAL CARPETS exhibition at the *Sheraton Hotel* will continue until Saturday, March 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily.

SET'S new production of *Three Sisters* will be staged from March 16 to 19 at the British Embassy at 8 p.m. Tickets of SR20 available at the door.

Eastern Province

MAN OF LA MANCHA runs March 17-20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dhahran Theater, Aramco, but most tickets to the musical have already been sold out. A few may still be purchased at the door for the matinee Thursday, March 19, at 1 p.m. Cervantes, the man of La Mancha, is

played by *Stan Klop* while the roles of Sancho and Aldonza are coated by *Stan Monson* and *Deborah Marche*, the hit musical, which boasts the accompaniment of an orchestra, is directed by *Barbara Kimmon*.

SWISS WEEK opens at the Al Gosaibi Hotel, Khobar, March 12 and continues until March 20 with exhibits of Swiss carvings, jewelry, banking, and gastronomic feasts from the chiefs who have come here from the Hotel President in Geneva. The highlight of the show is the display of photos snapped by local Shutterbugs for the Swissair photographic competition. Open daily 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for family, and 5 to 10 p.m. for general viewing.

TED KLEINMAN C.P.A., will speak at the luncheon meeting of the American Businessmen's Association at the Ramada Hotel, March 16. He will discuss the proposed and existing U.S. personal income tax laws and tax planning officers of the association are *Richard Ford, Phil Palmer, Dave Hartigan, and Craig Jensen*. Meanwhile, IRS tax assistant *Gordon Rice* is still available at the U.S. consulate to assist Americans in filing a tax return.

CAPITALIZING ON the excitement generated by their successful science fair last week, Dhahran Academy music students are presenting the *Electric Sunshine Man* with music by *John Wilson* and words by *Grace Hawthorne*. The musical, about inventor Thomas Alva Edison, is directed by *Pat Holtz* and stars *Hyles Barrett* as the budding scientist at Dhahran Academy March 16 at 7:30 p.m.

THE INTERNATIONAL exhibit of puppets at the Arab Heritage Gallery continues until Sunday, March 15.

SPEAKING AT KING FAISAL UNIVERSITY last Saturday on his *Whirlwind* trip through the Eastern Province was *Dr. Charles Anderson* of Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Anderson, a Guggenheim fellow, Fulbright scholar and editor of several literary journals, has won accolades for his studies of the poet Emily Dickinson and the novelist Henry James. He lectured his Damman audience on *The progress of American literature* focusing on autobiography. This was the scholar's first visit to Saudi Arabia. He has now returned to Cambridge, England where he continues to write.

UPM'S FOOTBALL team faces the Islamic University Thursday, March 12, in the Saudi Arabian university tournament. Kickoff is 3:30 p.m. at the UPM Stadium. Home team supporters can cheer such fine players as *Ahmad Al Sughayir*, who played in Mexico for the Saudi Universities Team, captain *Ibrahim Al Nuaimi*, and freshman student *Abdul-Haleem Al Falatah*. Open to the public. RYADH.

THE MONTHLY BUSINESS luncheon meeting of the *Riyadh International Businessmen's Association* will be held Wednesday March 18 at the Hotel Al Khozama, Riyadh at 12:30 p.m. The speaker will be *Mr. Guy Gantley*, first secretary economics, British Embassy.

At the White House Reagan takes it easy

By Lon Cannon and Lee Lescaze

WASHINGTON, (WP)—Sooner or later, most presidents discover that their favorite subject of conversation is how hard it is to be president. Jimmy Carter liked to remind people of the loneliness and difficulty of the office. Richard M. Nixon talked about burdens and crises and how hard he worked.



Richard M. Nixon

George Reedy, who labored as press secretary in the shadow of Lyndon B. Johnson, warned afterward about the dangers of "an environment in which no man can live for any considerable length of time and retain his psychological balance."

President Reagan has started out with a notably different approach. "Show me an executive who works long, overtime hours and I'll show you a bad executive," Reagan said while campaigning in Texas last May 1. This remark, on a television talk show, was a frank assertion of Reagan's belief that a chief executive accomplishes little if he binds himself with detail or exhausts himself with overwork. In the last 19 days, Reagan has put theory into practice.

President Reagan's printed daily schedules demonstrate that his White House aides freely acknowledge: the president is working shorter hours than did his predecessor who prided himself on rising at 5:30 a.m. and being in the office by 7. The new president is capable of burning the midnight oil, as he did working on his televised economic address. And, when he leaves the office for the White House family quarters, Reagan takes briefing papers with talking points and the next day's schedule, both of which are given him in a daily 5:30 p.m. meeting with senior advisers.

Overall, however, Reagan seems more comfortable with than consumed by the office, at least so far. He might even have agreed with Reedy's judgment that, "there is far less to the presidency, in terms of essential activity, than meets the eye." Over the weekend, for instance, the president kept his "essential activity" to the bare minimum. One Saturday, he reviewed proposed budget cuts prepared by some of his budget working groups and went with his wife Nancy to dine at a restaurant here at a small party hosted by his old friend, Hollywood investor Charles Z.

Wick. On Sunday, Reagan spent the day at the residence.

Reagan seems to genuinely believe that he can accomplish more by doing less. Whether he can maintain that approach to the job as the burdens and problems stack up is one of the interesting, even important questions about his presidency. Clearly he is going to try the relaxed approach. Recently, an aide was reminded of a telling incident during last year's campaign. One morning, when there was an early start after a late night, Reagan asked campaign adviser Stu Spencer what they were doing so early. Spencer told the candidate he ought to get used to it because, once he became president, a national security council aide would be in the Oval Office at 7:30 every morning to brief him. "Well, he'll have a helluva long wait," Reagan replied.

Critics who wish to question Reagan's presidential work habits might first pause over the warning Reedy expressed in his seminal book, *The Twilight of the Presidency*. "The concept of the overburdened president represents one of the insidious forces which serve to separate the chief executive from the real universe of living, breathing troubled human beings. It is the basis for encouraging



Lyndon B. Johnson

his most outrageous expressions, for pampering his most childish tantrums, for fostering his most arrogant actions." By that standard, the early weeks of the Reagan presidency seemed remarkably underburdened, even enjoyable for the chief executive.

Reagan and his chief aides joked about his age, marveled at the resources and confusion of the White House and seemed to be enjoying the experience of executive power. The president's main reservation about his new job seems to be the lack of time he can spend outdoors. He told aides he likes Camp David. There are those at the White House who are concerned about the bad publicity that might attend the trip, which is to start one day after Reagan submits his budget-slashing program to Congress. But Reagan will trade the possibly negative publicity for a chance to ride on his California ranch when it has turned green with the winter rains.

Even for a president with Reagan's relaxed style, there is no such thing as a typical day. On one Monday, he began his work, as he does most days, with a 30-minute meeting with counselor Edwin Meese II, Chief of Staff James A. Baker III and Deputy Chief of Staff Michael K. Deaver. These are the three



TOGETHER: President Ronald Reagan seen here with Vice-President George Bush.

aides who can walk in on him at any moment if they feel the need. Usually, as occurred this day, Deaver leaves the room after this first staff meeting, and Vice President George Bush and National Security Affairs Adviser Richard V. Allen arrive to brief the president.

If there was a cloud on the White House horizon recently, it was a perennial problem that, in some past administrations, has become a presidential obsession: leaks of White House secrets. Despite a dictum from Reagan and the senior staff that no one was to talk outside about the deliberations, the cabinet meetings seemed to have the tightness of a sieve. Reagan aides and White House Press Secretary James S. Brady vainly tried to locate the source of the leaks.

Leaks aside, Reagan seemed to like what he was doing. When a White House aide told that the response to his televised speech during the first hour was 378 positive and 24 negative responses, Reagan said, "what didn't the 24 like about it?" He swapped jokes with visiting members of Congress, expressed his private enjoyment of House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr., and was moved by a gift from Nancy — a framed picture of their daughter, Patti, embracing him when she left the White House. It was inscribed, "I love you, dad."

For all this there is an air of unreality about the early Reagan White House, almost as if the Californians who are now in control can't believe what has happened to them. Meese and Deaver still forget sometimes and call the president "governor." Early in the week



Jimmy Carter

Reagan replied: "we should set a day aside each week to call me governor, so we'll remember where we came from." Reagan seemed to have the same problem. He told an aide that he was enthusiastic about the opportunity to put his ideas into action after all those years of speechmaking, but he also seemed the slightest bit surprised to find himself in the Oval Office. When Deaver complimented Reagan after a recent television speech, the aide added: "Sometimes I have to pinch myself to see if this is real." Reagan looked up and smiled. "So do I," the President admitted.

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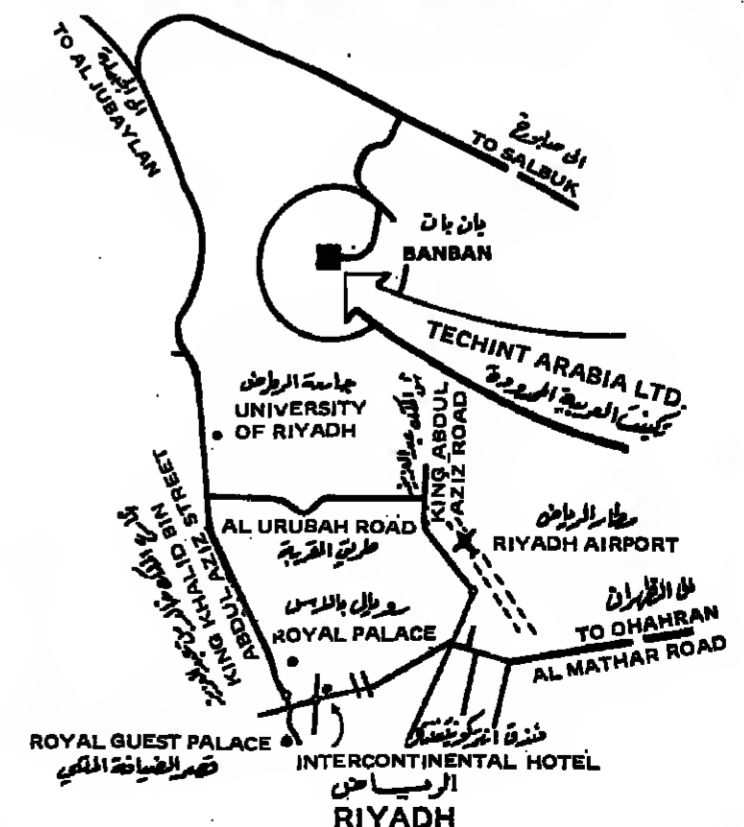
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Wolverhampton struggles

Muhren takes Ipswich ahead

LONDON, March 11 (R) — Dutchman Arnold Muhren kept alive Ipswich Town's ambitions of three major titles this season with the only goal Tuesday night in the English Football Association Cup quarterfinal replay against European champions Nottingham Forest.

Ipswich, who drew 3-3 Forest's City ground on Saturday, go through to a semi-final meeting with the winners of Wednesday's replay between Manchester City and Everton.

Muhren's winner came after 68 minutes, and the move he finished off was set in motion by his Dutch compatriot Frans Thijssen. It was Thijssen's fine cross that found Paul Mariner and he headed down for Muhren to score. In addition to the F.A. Cup, Ipswich are in contention for the English

league title and the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup.

Wolverhampton Wanderers needed extra time to beat Middlebrough in their quarterfinal replay.

David Hodgson equalised for middlebrough in the 72nd minute after Wolverhampton had been ahead since the 11th minute through Mel Eves. Goals from John Ricards and substitute Norman Bell in extra-time saw Wolverhampton through to a semi-final clash with Tottenham Hotspur.

Meanwhile, Nottingham Forest still hope to sign Bayern Munich defender Jan Aas before the transfer deadline.

Aas, a Norwegian international, is expected in England and Forest hope he will be at Ipswich for the F.A. Cup replay.

"We are receiving the co-operation of the

department of employment, the Football Association and the Football League in our efforts to get the final signing completed before Thursday," said a Forest spokesman.

Three clubs have been fined the minimum of a thousand pounds by the English Football Association for wearing advertising on their shirts during F.A. Cup matches.

The offenders, Nottingham Forest, Bolton and Newcastle, were all punished following F.A. Cup third round matches in January. For Forest, it is their second penalty for a shirt offence.

Last month UEFA imposed £7,000 fine on the club for wearing advertising on their shirts during their European Super Cup tie with Valencia of Spain.

Valencia in the meantime have sold their Argentine World Cup soccer star Mario Kempes to River Plate of Buenos Aires for \$3.5 million Rafael Arago Cabreria, the River Plate president, said.

He said the deal depended on a medical check-up but he hoped Kempes would be making his debut with River Plate on March 18 in the Liberator's Cup.

Valencia bought Kempes for \$700,000 five seasons ago.

Astoo Villa defender Ken McNaught, who was feared to have broken a leg against Sunderland on Saturday, strained ankle ligaments only and is expected to play against Manchester United on Saturday.

Reid shines in drawn Test

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, March 11 (AFP) — A maiden century by New Zealand batsman John Reid was the highlight of an otherwise quiet but somewhat unusual final day of the second cricket Test against India, which ended in a draw here Wednesday afternoon.

At the close of play New Zealand were five wickets down for 286 runs in reply to India's 255, with Reid out on 123.

The match finished on a comical note when Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar, determined to have the honor of bowling the last over of the Test, dragged it out to the finishing time by bowling five no balls making 11 deliveries for the over.

New Zealand began the day one wicket down for 93 and with more than 13 hours lost because of poor light and rain both teams knew a result was almost impossible.

They seemed to want only to finish the game and catch the plane to Auckland for the vital final Test starting on Friday. New Zealand is

one-up in the series after its win at Wellington.

In the last two sessions particularly Wednesday, play was sufficiently uninspiring to suggest the standard was more appropriate to a Sunday afternoon village team than to two international sides.

The slow cricket played on a lifeless Lancaster Park wicket was punctuated by the occasional unsuccessful lbw appeals or the rare display of enthusiasm and skill, but essentially the afternoon became a matter of "let's get this over with and head for the airport."

It appeared no-one took the final two sessions very seriously. Sunil Gavaskar used seven bowlers this afternoon, including himself and Dilip Vengsarkar.

Bref scores: India 255, New Zealand 286 for 5 (B. Edgar 49, J. Reid 123 out, G. Howarth 26; Shastri 2 for 65).

Results

F.A. Cup quarterfinals

Ipswich, 1 Nottingham Forest 0
Wolverhampton, 3 Middlebrough 1
Division Two

Bristol City 1 Grimsby 1
Division Three

Chesterfield v. Swindon, postponed
Division Four

Darlington 0 Lincoln 0
Tranmere 1 Bradford 1



"HOT RACE": England's Mick Grant rides in front of the Daytona International Speedway grandstand area with his motorcycle during the Daytona motorcycle Classic in Florida Sunday. The situation, however, was handled in the pits preventing any injury.

Pride of place for Renee Abastilla

By Christine Lamb

JEDDAH, March 11 — This year's Air France Open Tennis tournament will be held at the Lockheed compound at North Greek Jeddah and the facilities being provided by Lockheed include the use of four courts, changing facilities etc. and even a children's playground adjacent to the courts for the

An equally large entry of 45 pairs has been

Air France Open Tennis

competitors who wish to spend an enjoyable family day playing and watching tennis whilst the children play safely.

There has been a greater number of entrants for this tournament than for any previous tournament in Jeddah, with 169 entering one or more events. The draw is on display in the window of the Air France Office, Medina Road.

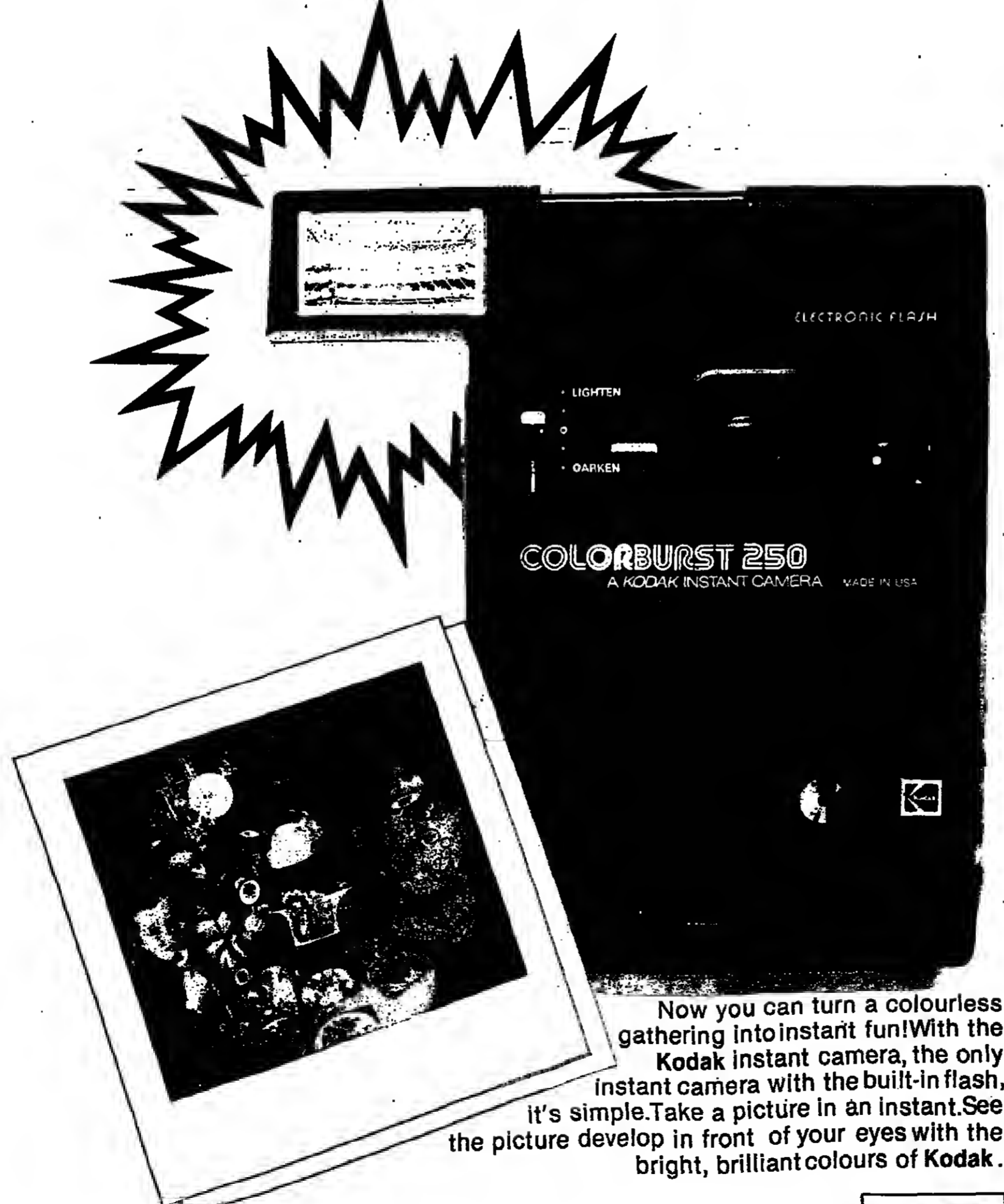
Easily the largest number of entries has been for the men's singles event with 94 competitors hoping to win the first prize of a return air ticket to Paris on Air France.

The likely winner should emerge from one of the first eight seeds, but anything can happen in the highly competitive atmosphere of a tournament and it remains to be seen whether the seedings prove to be accurate.

The first seed in the men's singles is Renee Abastilla of Philippines, who during the last 12 months has won both the Riyadh Tournament and the recent Raytheon sponsored Jeddah Open tournament. The second seed is Jerry Hurst from New Jeddah International Airport, whose recent victories include the 1980 Air France championship. The other six top ranked players are, Joe Reilly of Saudi Letco (third seed), who was runner up in last year's Air France Open, Bertil Ohlsson of Armaska (fourth seed), Paddy Rogan of Petromin (fifth seed), runner up in this year's Jeddah Open, Mike Relleve, (sixth seed), a newcomer from Riyadh and the potential dark horse of the tournament, Rudi Edholm of Armaska (seventh seed), and Makran Alamuddin of Duoco Club (eighth seed).

Interested spectators are most welcome to join the excitement at Lockheed Compound commencing on Thursday March 19 with finals scheduled for April 3.

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Only Britons will be entitled to Test caps, TCCB decide

LONDON, March 11 (AFP) — Overseas players who want to play cricket for England will have to become British citizens as a result of a decision of the Test and County Cricket Board at its spring meeting here Tuesday.

It was also revealed that Alec Bedser's thirteen year reign as chairman of the England selectors will end next September after this summer's ashes series.

The Board decided, in principle, to adopt a working party proposal on tighter regulations for overseas players, but they will be in consultation with lawyers because of the government's forthcoming nationality act.

The Board's decision follows the sudden application last season of South African and Rhodesian-born players to be considered for the England Test side.

The position of Gloucestershire's Mike Procter, Leicestershire's Brian Davison, and Northamptonshire's Allan Lamb will not be affected, but in future, prospective England

Test players will have to stamp their names to qualify, and will have to show practical way by becoming British citizens.

Lush added: "In due course the proper tribute will be paid to Alec for what he has done for English cricket over the years. He still has another full year as chairman, the time to thank him formally will be end of his official duties."

Bedser was the corner stone of England's success in the 1950s and 60s. His implication is that the TCCB are resolutely something pretty special to honor him.

The board also approved new regulations for conditions of play after rain. A system of being introduced for players to overstep the mark with advertising on their equipment. In a county match, a player who has illegal markings on pads etc. — bats are exempt by tradition will cost his county 50, 100, and £1 increasing fines.

Greg Chappell not included

MELBOURNE, Australia March 11 (AP) — Australian cricket fans feared the worst with the news that Test captain Greg Chappell will not tour England for the Ashes series.

Chappell's name was missing from the 16-man touring party which was released in Melbourne Wednesday.

Announcing the team — to tour England and Sri Lanka — the Australian cricket Board said Chappell indicated he was not available because of business and personal reasons.

Other shock omissions included veteran Test star Doug Walters, paceman Jeff Thomson and spinner Ashley Mallett.

In their place are the uncapped trio — Dirk Wellham of New South Wales, Queensland's Martin Kent and Terry Alderman of Western Australia.

Chappell's absence leaves a three-contest for the captaincy between Australians Kim Hughes and Rodney Marsh and Victorian Graham Yallop.

The Board announced that the vice-captain and third tour selector will be announced next week.

Wellham was one of the four Esso scholarship winners to go to England, and his replacement will be announced Thursday.

The team: Terry Alderman, Graham Yallop, Alan Border, Ray Bright, T. Chappell, John Dyson, Rodney Hogg, Kim Hughes, Martin Kent, Geoff Lawson, D. Lillee, Rodoej Marsh, Steve Rixon, Wellham, Graeme Wood and Graham Yallop.

England batsmen flop again

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, March 11 (AP) — England's batsmen gave another unimpressive performance as they struggled to earn a draw on the final day of their four-day match against Barbados Tuesday.

Continuing at an overnight 31 for no wicket after trailing by 36 on first innings, England lost three wickets in the first session and three in the second and were only pulled to complete safety by Peter Willey and David Bairstow in a seventh wicket stand of 52 which was still unbroken at the end.

Final scores: England 298 and 219 for six declared; Barbados 334.

England's decline started early in the day when veteran opener Geoff Boycott was caught at second slip off a ball from fast bowler Sylvester Clarke which lifted sharply to take his glove.

Before lunch, taken at 108 for three, England also lost Graham Gooch for 29 caught by the wicket-keeper off Wayne Daniel and

Mike Gatting, bowled by a shooter from the Barbados bowler Marshall for 22.

Left-hander David Gower and Rodney Marsh, the local boy now living in England, steadied the situation with a partnership of 61 in an hour and a half when Butcher and England skipper Botham were out in the same over from the struggle was again on.

Butcher was leg-before-wicket for 32. Botham was out for his third duck in the four innings on the tour, caught by the wicket-keeper second ball.

That made England 144 for five and, before tea, Gower drove a catch extracover off Albert Padmore to be out 44. At 169 for six at tea with at least hours play still possible, England were safe and Willey, 34 out out, and Bairstow not, saw them home with a draw. The match was called off when Botham declared innings closed at 219 for six.

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Mavericks shock Suns 76ers down Pacers in exciting match

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP) — "The for is murder." Indiana coach Jack McKinley said Tuesday night after Julius "Dr. J" Erving scored 25 points and the winning basket as the Philadelphia 76ers had a narrow 102-101 National Basketball Association victory over the Pacers.

We defense him but he's just too good. forced him to his left and he took the balance shot but it still went in."

Philadelphia didn't score after Erving's basket with 1:21 remaining and Indiana staged a furious rally with the final seven points of the game.

Elsewhere, the lowly Dallas Mavericks edged the Pacific Division leaders Phoenix Suns 107-103, the Los Angeles Lakers whipped the San Antonio Spurs 118-104, the Kansas City Kings downed the San Diego Clippers 107-100, the Portland Trail Blazers ousted the Denver Nuggets 142-137 and Chicago Bulls edged the Atlanta Hawks 116-112.

The sixers broke open a close game early in the fourth quarter as the Pacers went scoreless for four minutes; a pair of baskets by Andrew Toney, who finished with 21 points, two free throws by Bobby Jones and a shot by Clint Richardson pushed Philadelphia's lead to 99-89. Philadelphia managed two baskets the rest of the way, both by Billy Knight and Louis led Indiana 23 and 20 points, respectively.

Mavericks 107, Suns 103: Jim Spanarkel two free throws in the closing seconds to please a 25-point performance to lead the Dallas Mavericks to their 11th victory. James Spanarkel and Oliver Mack hit key shots down the stretch to clinch the game.

The Suns led 64-59 at half time but Dallas, led the strong rebounding of Tom Irlie, narrowed the deficit to 87-86 by the end of the third period and then took the lead in the final period, leading by as much as nine points with 4:22 remaining.

Lakers 118, Spurs 104: Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 35 points and Los Angeles advantage of San Antonio's cold shooting in the third quarter to roll over the Spurs, in "Magic" Johnson had 21 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists for the Lakers. George Gervin led the Spurs with 28 points. Kings 107, Clippers 100: Ernie Grunfeld, playing in place of injured Phil Ford, scored a career-high 30 points in leading Kansas City. Ford scored 13 points in the third quarter. Kings recorded their fourth consecutive victory. He also had 12 assists and a leading six rebounds. After trailing by any as 15 points in the first period, the

Kings outscored the Clippers 34-16 to take a 53-48 advantage. Joe Bryant led San Diego with a career-high 34 points.

Trail Blazers 142, Nuggets 137: Guards Kelvin Ransey and Jim Paxson combined for 67 points. Ransey and Paxson each scored a career high with 35 and 32 points, respectively. The Blazers took a 76-66 halftime lead and upped it to as many as 27 points in the third period before the Nuggets stormed back. Valvin Natt contributed 29 points to the Portland attack while Glen Gondrezick collected a career-high 27 for Denver.

Bulls 118, Hawks 116: Ricky Sobers' baseline jump shot with three seconds left gave the playoff-hopeful Bulls their fifth victory in the last six games. Artis Gilmore, who led Chicago with 26 points, tied the score with two free throws with 47 seconds remaining.

Sobers missed a jump shot eight seconds remaining but the ball went out of bounds and was awarded to Chicago. This time, Sobers hit the game-winning basket from 12 feet out.



FISHING: Phil Robertson dangles a cup in front of his armadillo entree off a short fishing pole during the first Armadillo Race in Los Angeles Saturday. 'Coaches' are allowed to enforce their entrants in any way except touching them.

Lee, Smith among 185 blacklisted

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP) — A Third World blacklist of 185 athletes in 10 sports from 21 countries — including Americans Lee Treving, Stan Smith, Dick Stockton and Mike Weaver — will be published next month by the United Nations center against apartheid.

More than 100 Third World countries, headed by black African nations, are behind the effort to bar from their border athletes who have competed in South Africa, Rhodesia or other countries adhering to the apartheid policy or racial separation.

A meeting is expected to be held in New York this week among several groups involved in anti-apartheid efforts, including the U.N. center, which has a permanent staff and operates as a section of the U.N. secretariat.

A major purpose of the meeting is to determine what kind of action will be taken against the athletes.

Last month, three British tennis players were jailed in Nigeria for playing in apartheid nations. John Feaver, Great Britain's fourth-ranked player; Davis Cup player John Whiteford and former Wimbledon junior champion Harvey Becker were jailed for 16 hours in Lagos and then deported for playing in apartheid nations.

The blacklist, obtained by sportscaster Curt Chaplin of Enterprise Radio in Avon, Connecticut, is being compiled by the U.N. unit headed by Rnuga Reddy, who said it was not yet completed.

The list is being put together with information obtained from several anti-apartheid groups, including the South African non-racial Olympic committee in London.

Frawley outlasts Gunthardt Borg begins with a bang

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 11 (AP) — Bjorn Borg of Sweden disposed of Belgium's Bernard Boileau 6-3, 6-3 in the World Champion's first game Tuesday for the \$175,000 Belgian Indoor Tennis Championship.

In other first round games three Americans — Trey Waltke, Pat Dupre and Peter Rennett — scored easy wins. Waltke beat Pascal Portes of France 6-3, 6-3, Dupre defeated Carlos Kamay of Brazil 6-3, 6-1 and Rennett sent Sherwood Stewart, another American, to the locker room with a score of 6-1, 6-4.

India's Vijay Amritraj beat Schlomo Glickstein of Israel 6-2, 6-2 and West German Rolf Gehring defeated Marcos Hocesvar of Brazil 6-4, 7-6.

The longest match of the day — almost 2 hours — was between Rod Frawley of Australia and Gunthardt of Switzerland. Frawley narrowly beat his opponent 6-3, 6-7, 7-6.

Meanwhile, unseeded Walter Redondo eliminated No. 8 Francisco Gonzales from the \$75,000 Robinson's Tennis Open with a 6-7, 6-3, 6-4 victory Tuesday. It was Redondo's first victory in four Volvo Grand Prix events.

"All the other times I have qualified there has been a sort of letdown," he said. "All I wanted to do Tuesday was to hit the ball well and really work out there. I'm beginning to realize I can play with these guys. I'm learning all the time and gaining confidence."

Sixth-seeded Butch Walts, the only other ranked player to see action Tuesday afternoon, needed just under an hour in response with Ricky Meyer 6-2, 6-4.

Chilean Jaime Fillol advanced with a 6-3, 7-6 triumph over Australian Syd Ball and Steve Meister defeated John Hayes 7-5, 6-0. Guillermo of Argentina outlasted Nick Saviano 6-3, 5-7, 6-1 in a match that lasted more than two hours.

In Dallas Virginia Ruzici of Romania defeated tiny Yvonne Vermaak of South Africa, 6-3, 6-2 Tuesday to advance to the second round of the Avon Championships of Dallas Women's Professional Tennis Tournament.

Ruzici, the number five seed won 14 points in a row in the second set after she faced a break point at 1-1.

Kathy Jordan, the No. 6 seed from Pennsylvania, also had a fairly easy time as she defeated Ann Kiyomura of California 6-2, 6-3. Jordan won the last 10 points of the first set.

In earlier matches, 17-year-old Zina Garrison of Houston eliminated Marjorie Blackwood of Canada 6-4, 7-5, Beth Norton of Connecticut stopped Peanut Louie of San Francisco, 6-2, 6-3, and Katerina Skronska of Czechoslovakia upset Joanne Russell of New York City 7-5, 1-6, 6-2.

Top seed Martina Navratilova was to play Julie Harrington of Spokane, Washington, in Tuesday's night match, followed by the first round matches of second seed Wendy Turnbull of Australia and number three seed Pam Shriver of Lutherville, Maryland.

The South Korean Tennis Association plans to inaugurate an annual international tennis tournament beginning this fall, an official said Wednesday.



TWO-HANDED: World champion Bjorn Borg is all concentration as he makes a double backhand return against Belgium's Bernard Boileau.

Saudia soccer needs urgent rapport

JEDDAH, March 11 — As the Saudia Milk Soccer League struggles toward its climax in April, the contentious subject of "referring" is increasingly rearing its ugly head. In what appears to be a repetition of last year, referees and linesmen are coming under increasing criticism from certain teams who feel the standard of refereeing is below their acceptable standard. This is evident

from the mounting number of cautions being given to certain teams for dissent. However, the criticism is not just one way as referees highlight instances where players will always complain if decisions do not go their way.

This complex situation looks as if it will not be resolved since no move has been made by either team managers or referees to come together and work out an approach acceptable to both sides, and this is what is necessary. Players complain of inexperience, bias and inconsistency from officials while officials pinpoint unjustified dissent, poor sportsmanship, and deliberate fouling from players.

The blame, if blame is the word, could well lie partly in both camps. Referees are generally grade three referees, the lowest, although this does not necessitate inexperience, or lack of knowledge. However, it is also true that players of the average standard found in even the First Division will rarely have met anything other than class three referees. Certainly there may be an inconsistency in the interpretation of the laws by the individual referees, who have not met as a group to discuss their different styles, and players may become exasperated when facing continually changing interpretations of the same laws. But, each referee is qualified and does know the rules whilst most players and managers do not. If a manager asserts he knows the rules yet insists a player can be off-side from a goal kick, he is clearly deluding himself; and if he, and most other players, do not know the obvious rules how can they feel qualified to judge on the more subtle area of, perhaps, obstruction.

It cannot, of course, be good for football in

general if "professionalism" is allowed to creep into the game and it is the responsibility of officials and players to ensure that winning does not become the all-important objective. The league is designed for recreational activity and whilst winning is nice, the original aims should not be lost. Poor sportsmanship in general should be heavily penalized and players should view their own teams realistically and be as vocal against their own offenses as they often are against the opposition. Yet the cry of unsportsmanlike is not just voiced by referees. Certain players and managers genuinely feel their teams, of certain of their players, are treated unfairly by referees and that the penalties imposed on them are far heavier than their alleged fouls should warrant. This is certainly an area where referees should actively be on guard but it is an area where teams should not nurture a persecution complex.

The situation generally is similar, in a smaller, but no less relevant way, to that which faced the English League between the years 1966-70. Referees had not pace with the changing features of top football and their lack of organization eventually gave rise to a flood of criticism from clubs and spectators alike. The F.A. cured the situation in 1971 by organizing the referees and standardizing their interpretation of rules by means of meetings, discussions and seminars. This allowed the referees to regain control of the deteriorating situation and the respect of the players. What will happen in Jeddah is at the hands of everyone involved in the League, but the one point of common agreement which does exist, is that something must be done before April comes.

Even rugby tie in the offing

JEDDAH, March 11 — Jeddah RFC certifies the Al-Khobar Eagles this day (13th) to what should be a hard and exciting match.

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PEKING, (AFP) — Bulgaria beat North Korea 9-2 in the World Ice Hockey Championship Pool "C" here Wednesday. It was the first win for the Bulgarians in four matches while for the Koreans it represented their fourth loss in the 10-day, eight-nation tournament. The period scores were 2-0, 1-1, 6-1.

BARCELONA, (AFP) — Release could be imminent for kidnapped Barcelona footballer Enrique Castro, known to fans as Quini, who has been held captive for ten days. In a city alive with rumors facts are hard to come by but unconfirmed reports suggest that F.C. Barcelona have made arrangements to pay the \$1.2 million ransom through Lloyds Insurance.

JOHANNESBURG, (R) — South Africa's official opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP) has added its voice to international demands for the planned tour of New Zealand by the country's national Springbok Rugby team to be called off. PFP spokesman David Dalling said in a statement last night: "The message from New Zealand is loud and clear: we would be an embarrassment to them." New Zealand Prime Minister Robert Muldoon said in Wellington earlier that he was opposed to the tour, scheduled for July and August.

LONDON, (AFP) — Full back Hugo MacNeill is the latest Irish rugby international to pull out of the proposed tour of South Africa this summer on moral grounds. MacNeill said today: "I gave the

matter a lot of consideration. I even discussed the tour with many of my friends. I feel I have made the correct decision."

JOHANNESBURG, (AFP) — South African amateur champion, David Sudards will lead the challenge in the Golf Test against Taiwan, here Wednesday and Thursday, it was announced in Johannesburg.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — A record entry of 139 golfers from overseas and about 70 Indian professionals and amateurs will compete in the \$60,000 Indian Open Golf Tournament, fourth leg of the Asian circuit, to be played off at the Delhi Golf Club course starting Thursday. With the temperature hovering between 20 and 25, organizers are predicting ideal golfing conditions.

HAMBURG, West Germany, (AFP) — West German formula one driver Jochen Mass is retiring from Grand Prix racing it was learnt Tuesday. Mass, 35, has driven in 97 formula races in his career. He won the Spanish Grand Prix in 1975 and had finished 29 times among the first six.

LONDON, (AFP) — Scotland's selectors have decided to keep an unchanged team to play Ireland at Murrayfield on March 21 — despite strong claims for inclusion by Galt's Tom Smith and Kelso winger Roger Baird. Smith, the massive Galt prop forward, and Baird were injured against France in the 'B' international last Saturday.

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U.K. unrelenting EEC fails to reach agreement on fishing

BRUSSELS, March 11 (R) — European Economic Community fisheries ministers broke off talks early Wednesday on a long-delayed EEC fish policy, with progress blocked by a dispute between Britain and France, EEC officials said.

Some officials said the question might be referred to EEC leaders who meet March 23 and 24. The next meeting of fisheries ministers is April 6 and 7.

Dutch farm and fisheries minister Gerrit Braks chaired Tuesday talks and after a day of fruitless discussions he sought French and British agreement to a compromise package.

Russia to cut oil exports to W. Europe

MOSCOW, March 11 (R) — The Soviet Union will reduce oil exports to West European countries by 25 to 30 per cent this year, but will channel more oil to Turkey and developing countries such as Brazil and India, Italian embassy official here has said.

The Soviet foreign trade ministry has notified the Italian embassy that deliveries of Soviet oil to Italy will be cut to about four million tons this year from the 1980 level of about 5.2 million tons, the officials said Tuesday the ministry told the embassy the cut of about 25 to 30 per cent applies to most Western countries and is the result of "technical considerations."

Officials at other West European embassies here said they had not been informed of any impending cut in Soviet oil supplies, but added they expected to hear from Soviet trade officials soon. The Soviet Union's biggest Western oil customers in 1979 were West Germany, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Finland, Sweden and Britain. Official figures for 1980 have not yet been issued.

During Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's visit to India last December Moscow agreed to increase its supplies of crude oil from a planned 1.5 million tons to 2.5 million tons for 1981. Planned deliveries of petrochemical products were also raised from 1.9 million tons to 2.25 million tons.

His plan offered France and other countries a compromise that fell between Britain's demand for fishing rights to be restricted within its 12-mile limit (15 km), and France's call that it be able to exercise the rights to the full.

But the plan failed to meet Britain's demand, opposed by France, for a zone of up to 50 miles (80 km) exclusively for fisheries from the Orkney and Shetland Isles and north Scotland. Both sides questioned the value of Braks' alternative proposal for strict surveillance of catches in the area, the officials said.

The twin issues are holding up a fisheries agreement although other points remain to be settled before the policy can go into force. Its aim would be to administer overall and national catch limits within the EEC's 200-mile zone (320 km), aid fishing fleets and protect supplies and fishermen's incomes.

Britain's Peter Walker told journalists after the meeting he resisted a West German demand that he lift objections to an EEC-Canada fishing agreement because the offered concessions on raising minimum prices paid to fishermen were insufficient. The accord is important to West Germany because it permits its long-distance fleet to operate in Canadian waters.

West German Fisheries Minister Joseph Ertl told reporters during a break in the meeting that he was upset with the lack of agreement and said that the fishing policy would be discussed at this government's cabinet meeting Wednesday.

He reminded reporters that last year, when West Germany agreed to a compromise settling Britain's complaint about laying too much of the EEC budget, his government said it expected concessions from Britain on fishing. A West German spokesman denied that Ertl's reminder was a threat to withhold contributions to the EEC budget, but said that a free-wheeling discussion on the whole fishing issue probably would be held at the cabinet meeting.

Despite disagreement on the key issue of access, the ministers appear to have reached substantial agreement on other aspects of the fishing policy, notably allocations of quotas to the various countries and the total allowable catches. The limits have been set in an effort to conserve species in danger of extinction.



LARGEST SHOPPING CENTER: Visitors walk inside "Les Quatre Temps", Europe's largest shopping center which opened in Paris last week. This center which is also a leisure center, will attract nearly one and a half million potential clients.

Markets rally U.S. banks cut prime rate

NEW YORK, March 11 (R) — Major U.S. banks lowered their prime lending rates to 18 per cent from 18.5 per cent and sent prices climbing on the stock market.

The prime, the rate banks usually charge to companies with top credit ratings, is considered an indicator of interest rate trends and rates on most other business loans are scaled upward from it. In early trading on the New York stock exchange the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks gained about 4.5 points, to reach more than 980.

Bankers said the move followed sluggish demand for business loans and reflected the fact that banks have been paying less to borrow funds in money markets. Citibank, the nation's second-largest commercial bank, was the first to move to 18 per cent and was quickly joined by Chemical Bank, First

National Bank of Chicago, and Marine Midland Bank, of Buffalo, New York. Other big banks were expected to follow suit, analysts said.

Tuesday's reduction was the sixth since the beginning of the year. Prime rates hit a record 21.5 per cent on Dec. 19. Short-term interest rates in the money markets, an important source of bank funds, have fallen to about 15.5 per cent from their mid-winter peak of around 20 per cent.

Demand for loans by businesses has also declined recently. The latest report from the Federal Reserve Board, the central bank, showed that outstanding commercial and industrial loans fell \$776 million to \$168.48 billion in the week ended Feb. 25.

Analysts said the drop indicated businesses were reducing their borrowing, either seeking credit in the money markets or replacing short-term bank loans with longer-term debt offering in the bond market.

Russia sets record in import of sugar

LONDON, March 11 (AFP) — Soviet sugar imports increased by more than 20 per cent in 1980 to a record 4,980,000 metric tons, International Sugar Organization (ISO) statistics published here showed.

They revealed that, of the total, 2,180,000 tons were purchased on the world market — almost twice the previous best — while the remainder were bought under special arrangements, mostly from Cuba.

In 1979, total imports were 4,080,000 tons, of which only 315,000 tons were acquired on the free market.

The last occasions when Soviet world market imports topped the 1,000,000-ton mark were in 1968, 1970 and in 1973 (when supplies were short, with market prices climbing to a peak of 650 pounds a ton by November 1974). Exports from the Soviet Union last year amounted to only 164,496 tons, the Iso said, compared with 244,161 tons in 1979.

BRIEFS

TURIN, North Italy, (AFP) — Fifty thousand Fiat workers have been laid off for one week so that the company cut its surplus of 80,000 unsold cars. About 1,280,000 Cars rolled off Fiat assembly lines last year, and about 1,200,000 have been sold.

PARIS, (AFP) — Total has discovered oil during drilling off the coast of Cameroon, near the town of Kribi. It was announced. Although the quantity is modest, the discovery is interesting in that it is the first time there has been an oil find in the Kribi zone, total said.

TOKYO, (AFP) — The socialist-oriented French union CFDT and the Japanese trade union Soho agreed that free trade should not work to a country's detriment, Edmond Maire, CFDT secretary general said Tuesday at a news conference. Maire, on a visit to Japan at Soho's invitation, said that it was the workers who suffered when one country fell behind another in trade competition.

PEKING, (AFP) — The Italian Commercial Bank (ICB) has become the first Italian banking establishment to open a branch in Peking. ICB President Innocentio Monti opened the bank's representative office Tuesday during a reception held in the Great Hall of the People in central Peking.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — The Soviet Union and Japan have signed an accord for the exploitation of forest resources in Siberia and the Soviet far east, the news agency Tass said.

TOKYO, (AP) — A consortium of 20 Japanese banks and life insurance companies have signed an agreement to extend loans totaling 15 billion yen (\$71 million) to the African Development Bank (AFDB), the long-term Credit Bank of Japan announced.

LONDON, (AFP) — A real-terms drop of 15 per cent in investment is likely to occur this year in the British chemical industry, the chemical association has said. The figure was based on a survey it carried out among companies. Last year investment fell two per cent.

PARIS, (AFP) — A total of 134,354 private cars were registered in France during February, a drop of 17.6 per cent on the January total, industry figures have showed. The total of 269,421 for the first two months of the year was 15.5 per cent down on a year earlier, when sales were especially high.

Consumers hit hard U.K. budget draws brickbat

LONDON, March 11 (AP) — Britons awoke to a suddenly more expensive world Wednesday after a harsh budget was announced Tuesday making their nation one of the most expensive in which to drive, drink and smoke. It also looks set to increase even further Britain's worst unemployment since the 1930s depression, economic analysts say. Already one in every 10 British workers is without a job.

Many employers, headed by the Confederation of British Industry, were unenthusiastic to say the least. Many others, including the labor unions, were unrelentingly hostile. Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe hit consumers Tuesday with sharply raised taxes on gasoline, liquor and tobacco, effectively boosted personal taxation and slammed windfall taxes on the profitable oil and banking industries.

His one major concession to help Britain's battered manufacturing industries was a two per cent cut to 12 per cent in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate. MLR is the benchmark for all British interest rates and the cut will make borrowing cheaper.

Sir Terence Beckett, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, said the budget was "disappointing." He said the deflationary effects of Howe's package would cancel out the benefits of the cut in interest rates. Michael Foot, leader of the opposition Labor Party, commented: "It is a budget of no hope for the people of this country."

Len Murray, general secretary of the Trade Union Congress — Britain's major labor federation, said: "The chancellor has given the nation a high price, high unemployment, no hope budget." Many Conservative legislators outside the government privately expressed disappointment that Howe had not done more directly to help the private sector of industry.

As Howe announced taxes even on matches and cigarette lighters and gasoline shot up 20 pence (44 cents) to £1.54 (\$3.38) a British gallon — equivalent to a hike of 35.20 cents to — 71 dollars a U.S. gallon — Wednesday's Daily Express, normally a fervent Tory supporter, headlined its report: "You name it, he's taxed it."

Other Tory newspapers also were less than overjoyed. The Daily Mail carried a cartoon of the chancellor as a machine-gun-firing gangster with the headline: "Howe the hit man." The Sun punned "Howe it bursts."

The Daily Telegraph, another Tory supporter, said the boost to personal taxation "cut embarrassingly across the Tories' general election commitment to reduce direct taxation whenever possible." "Howe opts for pain all round," said the liberal Guardian. "Harsh budget for workers but more for business," wrote The Times, independent.

The Financial Times, Britain's leading business daily, said: "It would be idle to pretend that the decisions announced in the budget Tuesday are anything other than an admis-

sion of general defeat by the government. In a televised nationwide address Tuesday night, Howe compared demands for more money to help the economy to the screams of an alcoholic for another drink. Long term would lead to more inflation which in turn would lead to more recession and more unemployment, he said. Unemployment stands at 2.4 million. Government predictions say it will go to 2.9 million next year. Annual inflation is 13 per cent compared with 10.3 when the Tories swept to power over the laborites 22 months ago and rose 22 per cent last year.

Waldheim urges talks on development issue

BANGKOK, March 11 (AFP) — United Nations secretary-general Kurt Waldheim has reiterated his call for global talks on development issues.

In a message to the opening session of U.N. Economic and Social Commission Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Waldheim said worldwide negotiations represented the best way out of the current economic crisis.

Such negotiations, he said, should focus on raw materials, trade, development, finance as a "starting point."

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Trade
Sabirani Dinar	—	8.70	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	96.00	112.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	157.00	159.50	155
Dutch Guilder (100)	142.00	144.00	144
Egyptian Pound	—	4.13	4
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.25	91
French Franc (100)	69.00	68.00	65
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	66.00	67
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.55	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	32.00	33.50	32
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.20	—	16
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.46	10
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.24	12
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.25	83
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	31
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	4
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	54
Pound Sterling	7.38	7.47	7
Qatari Rial (100)	—	92.00	92
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	155
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	31
Swiss Franc (100)	172.00	175.00	174
Syrian Lira (100)	—	56.80	57
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.36	3
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	73.45	73
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Buraidah Municipality	Medical equipment & requirements. Extension of water network at Al-Faiza Quarter	—	200	11/4/81
Ministry of Water & Agriculture	Digging of 5 tubular wells in Medina & Mahdud-Dhabab	41/1	500	29/3/81
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" "	Setting up of installations at Khurais Park	6/11	200	31/3/81

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8.	Fresno City	S.C.S.A.	Bagged Barley	7.3.81
10.	Atalaya	M.T.A.	Contra/Gen/Timber	8.3.81
11.	Vegeland	Fayez	Ro Ro Units/Contra	10.3.81
13.	Barnardino Corra	Alsaada	Flour/Steel/Gen.	9.3.81
18.	Achilleus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	7.3.81
20.	Al Omariah	Kanoo	Cement/Steel/Rebar/General	9.3.81
21.	Marianthe	S.E.A.	Lamp Posts/Canned Food/Gen.	9.3.81
22.	Saudi Prince	Oc.Trade	Cement/Gen./Trucks	7.3.81
23.	Union Hodeidah	O.C.E.	Contra/Cement/Steel	7.3.81
24.	Katerina	Kanoo	Bagged Flour/Bagged	10.3.81
	Dracopoulos			
27.	Dico	El Hawi	Bagged Barley	10.3.81
31.	Atlantic Fraser	O.C.E.	Frozen Chickens	5.3.81
38.	Nachi Maru	Gulf	Steelwork	11.3.81
39.	Taxiarhis	Shobolski	Pig/Iron/Timber/Gen.	8.3.81
40.	Monsona Universal	Star	Fruits	10.3.81
41.	San Stefano	Star	Fruits/General	8.3.81
42.	Annajm	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	8.3.81
Ro Ro	Saint Servan	S.F.T.C.	Mafia/Cranes/Gen.	10.3.81
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110.	Maldive Star	UEP	Bagged Barley	8.3.81
11.	Quedlin Burg	Kanoo	Gen/Bagged Sugar	8.3.81
12.	Family Unity	Gulf	Bagged Sugar	4.3.81
13.	Sharp Island	U.E.P.	Gen/Steel/Onits	10.3.81
16.	Agios Nikolas	Alireza	General	10.3.81
17.	Columbus Venture	Alireza	General	4.3.81
27.	Almar	Gosabi	Bagged Cement	5.3.81
29.	Saffina Reafer	S.M.C.	Frozen Poultry	11.3.81
31.	San Falice	Gosabi	Bagged Barley	5.3.81
33.	Kaptai	S.E.A.	General	10.3.81
35.	Ibn Al Nafes	Kanoo	Steel Pipes/Gen.	7.3.81
36.	Torm Halvig (OB)	Sabah	Bulk Cement	5.3.81
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OPEC output falls by 12 per cent in '80

PARIS, March 11 (AFP) — Oil production in the 13 OPEC countries fell 12 per cent in 1980, largely because of a 50 per cent cut in Iranian output and a 20 per cent drop in Iraq, the British trade journal *Petroleum Economist* said.

OPEC — the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — averaged 26 million barrels a day, compared to 30.7 million barrels in 1979, the publication said. OPEC's share of world oil production thus fell from 47 per cent in 1979 to 43 per cent in 1980. The drop was sharper (16 per cent) in the second half of last year, when the Iranian-Iraqi war broke out. It was five per cent in the first half of the year.

In 1980, total OPEC production was 9,800 million barrels, against 11,200 million barrels in 1979 and 10,910 million in 1978. Iran only produced 564 million barrels, compared to 1,100 million barrels in 1979 and 1,900 million in 1978. Iraq, which had output of 1,250 million barrels in 1979, fell to 988 million barrels last year.

Petroleum economist said that the Soviet

Union is the top world producer with 4,430 million barrels, ahead of the United States with 3,750 million barrels and Saudi Arabia with 3,630 million barrels.

Among the new oil producers, Mexico increased output 32 per cent last year, averaging 2.1 million barrels a day, and North Sea fields held by Britain and Norway produced 16 per cent more than last year. The output figure for Norway was 193 million barrels (148 million barrels in 1980) and for Britain was 602 million barrels.

Meanwhile, a Venezuelan paper reported Tuesday that OPEC will hold a ministerial meeting in Geneva May 25 to discuss dwindling with a relatively high production, may affect prices.

The Venezuelan energy ministry refused to confirm or deny the report published by *El Nacional* of Caracas.

"We may have something for you later in the day," a spokesman for the ministry told a reporter. The meeting will be attended by the 13-nation organization's oil ministers, the newspaper said. Several OPEC oil ministers held a secret meeting in Geneva last month.

Entry into EEC

Delay over talks irks Spain

STRASBOURG, France, March 11 (R) — Spain feels increasingly bitter over delays in its negotiations to join the European Economic Community (EEC), a leading member of the Spanish parliament has said.

Ignacio Camunias, president of the parliament's external affairs committee, told journalists Tuesday that negotiations must be speeded up if the EEC's expression of support for Spain following last month's abortive military coup was not to appear a meaningless gesture.

"It is now five years since we established

U.K. union's ultimatum to French car group

LONDON, March 11 (AFP) — A boycott on imports of Peugeot, Citroen and Talbot cars into this country is planned by the trade union movement, unless the French Peugeot group cancels its decision to close the Linwood plant in Scotland.

Leaders of the 4,500 workers at the Linwood works have obtained the go-ahead for the boycott from the Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU), Britain's largest union.

A union official said Tuesday that the boycott appeared "virtually inevitable", but he said Linwood workers first wanted to contact 'alot colleagues in France. Imports of the three French makes total 100,000 units a year. At present the vehicles enter the country via Dover, Newhaven and grimeby.

democracy, but economic questions have been slowing our application. There is growing bitterness in Spain over this," Camunias said during a visit to the European Parliament at the head of a seven-member Spanish parliamentary delegation.

He said the importance to political questions should now be stressed in order to ensure Spain's entry by January 1984. After the attempted coup of Feb. 23, the EEC Commission said this deadline should be met, and last week it proposed annual community aid worth some \$140 million to prepare Spain for entry.

Spain's application for EEC membership, made in 1977, has been held up largely by agricultural questions. The commission is due to present proposals to reform the EEC's agricultural policy by June, and Camunias said strenuous efforts should be made to accomplish this reform rapidly.

"Without a quick agreement on this, Spain's entry could be delayed indefinitely," he said. Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo, Spain's oew prime minister, led negotiations for EEC membership until last year. EEC Commission officials here said he would strive in the coming weeks to give a oew impetus to Spain's membership drive, partly in order to defend the country's fledgling democracy.

Spain, like Portugal, has said that a major consideration in its bid for membership is the reinforcement the community would provide for the country's democracy. The community's newest member, Greece, said the same during its negotiations for membership.

Pressure to cut discount rate mounts in Japan

TOKYO, March 11 (R) — Pressure mounted in Japan for a cut in the central bank's official discount rate to help curb an economic slowdown which a leading industrialist said was becoming serious.

The chairman of the Federation of Economic Organizations, Yoshihiro Inayama, who is also head of Nippon Steel Corporation, told a press conference that the rate, now at 7.25 per cent, should be cut at an early date "because the economic slowdown is getting serious and prolonged."

Speaking against a backdrop of relatively high unemployment, rising bankruptcies and sluggish personal consumption, Inayama said the rate should be reduced substantially. Bank of Japan Governor Haruo Maekawa has said repeatedly that he has no immediate plans to reduce the discount rate, the interest charged by the central bank on loans to other banks.

But he has also said that a decision might be made after taking into consideration inflation, now running at an annual rate of about eight per cent, Japan's balance of payments position and its economic growth.

Car exports

Russia looks to the West

EAST BERLIN, March 11 (R) — The Soviet Union has canceled an agreement to deliver more than 30,000 Lada cars to East Germany this year and diverted the cars to the West to earn hard currency, informed sources have said.

One possibility believed to be under consideration was using the cars as bargaining counters for Canadian wheat, they said. The sources said the East Berlin government had been told that the saloons, a Soviet version of the Italian Fiat, would be diverted to the West where their relatively low price had gained them a growing share of the market.

In the past few years Ladas have accounted for nearly 20 per cent of the East German car market, where there are already up to 10-year waiting lists for new models. An East German foreign trade ministry official refused to confirm that deliveries had been canceled, but said the fact that a 1980 accord with Moscow promised a supply of 160,000 over five years, while a 1981 agreement made no mention of the cars, "makes the situation clear."

Meanwhile, Polish and Czechoslovak diplomats said their deliveries of East German

cars were to be reduced dramatically this year.

A spokesman for the Polish mission said deliveries of East German Wartburg and Trabant cars had been cut from more than 13,000 in 1980 to just over 500 this year, while a Czechoslovak embassy official said his country would receive only 1,000 vehicles in 1981, down from 8,000 last year.

The official silence on the Soviet deliveries reflects the political sensitivity of the problem. The difficulties of obtaining new models and the high costs of used cars, often double the official cost price, are common popular grievances.

East Germany has occasionally imported cars from the West over the past few years to help relieve the strains on the domestic market. Western diplomats said the obvious shortfall in supplies this year could persuade the Communist government to seek another major deal with a Western firm.

East German leader Erich Honecker is paying a state visit to Japan in May and there has been speculation in diplomatic circles here that trade officials may discuss imports of Japanese cars during his stay.

China seeks U.N. aid for drought relief

GENEVA, March 11 (R) — China has appealed to the United Nations to provide relief for several million people in two Chinese provinces hit by drought and flooding, diplomatic sources have said here.

It is China's first request to the international community for disaster relief. The sources said the negotiations were being shrouded to avoid embarrassment if the response did not meet Peking's needs. About \$700 million are needed to fight the effects of drought in Hebei province near Peking and flooding in Hubei province south of the capital, the sources estimated.

Food, seeds and cash for rehabilitation are required for several million people in the two provinces, said a spokesman Tuesday for the United Nations Disaster Relief Organization (UNDRO). The United States, Canada, Australia, Japan and other major Western industrial nations, as well as Argentina, Venezuela and Kuwait, have indicated a willingness to help, the UNDRO spokesman said, and replies were awaited from other potential donors.



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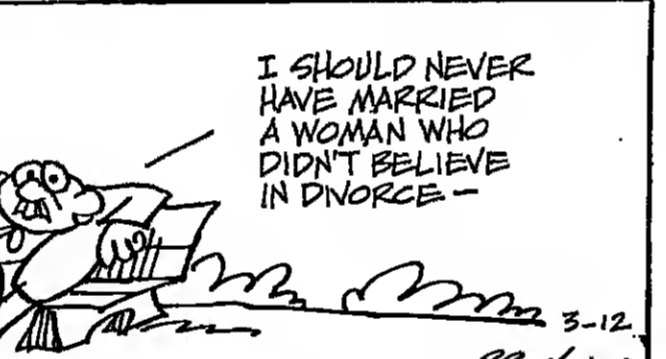
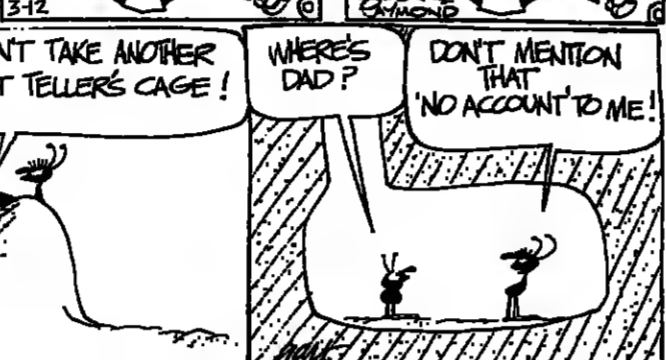
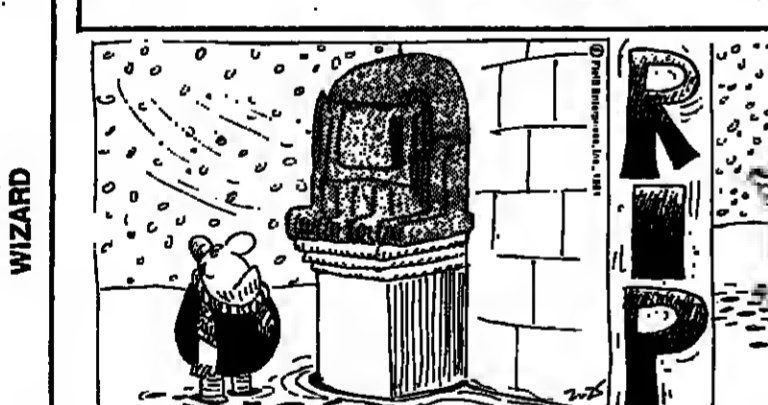
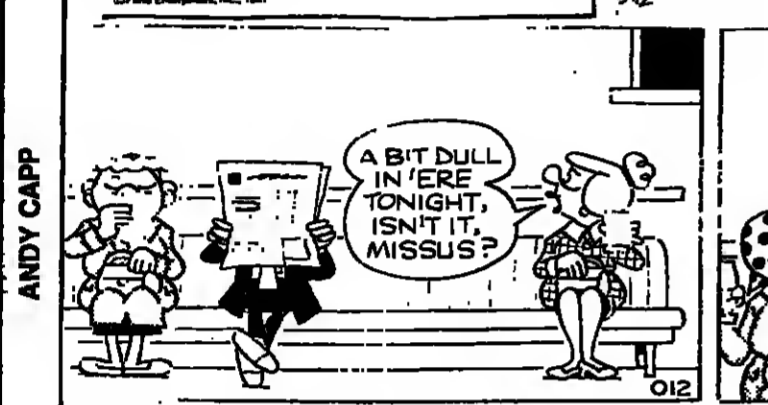
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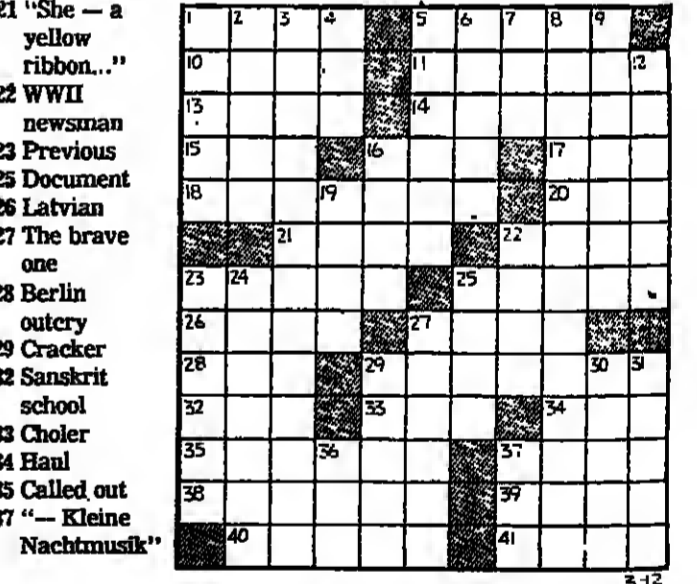
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Your Individual Horoscope Frances Drake

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Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS: 1 Roman statesman, 5 Gather, 10 Popular old song, 11 Humbert Humbert's passion, 13 Acclivity, 14 German art songs, 15 Black cinkoo, 16 Seed coat, 17 Not gross, 18 Put to the rack, 20 Spire ornament, 21 "She — a yellow ribbon...", 22 WWII newsman, 23 Previous, 25 Document, 26 Latvian, 27 The brave one, 28 Berlin outcry, 29 Cracker, 32 Sanskrit school, 33 Choler, 34 Haul, 35 Called out, 37 "— Kleine Nachtmusik". DOWN: 38 Late actor, 39 Evil grin, 40 Fortification, 41 Partner of crafts, DOWN: 1 Jewelry term, 2 — acid, 3 1967 British film, 4 Mining find, 5 Entice, 6 Watered fabric, 7 Potshoe offering, 8 Star, 9 Spire, 12 More the Bohemian, 16 Vidal novel, 19 Binge, 22 Segment, 23 Word after silver, 24 Get well, 25 Soccer star, 27 Indurate, 29 Italian city group, 31 Pitchers, 36 Tease, 37 Old note.

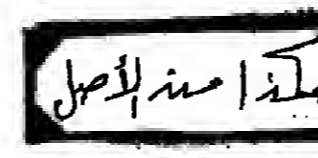


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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

Table with multiple columns: Bahrain TV Programs, Ras Alkhaima TV Programs, Kuwait TV Programs, Omani TV Programs, F.M. 8:00 News Roundup, VOA, News Summary, Saudi Radio Thursday, Section Francaise Djeddah, Thursday, Radio Pakistan.




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People flee homes

Iraqi forces blast two Iranian cities

BEIRUT, March 11 (AP) — Iran charged Wednesday Iraqi forces blasted two Iranian border cities with surface-to-surface missiles for a fourth straight day and claimed panicked inhabitants fled their homes to spend the night in open fields.

The overnight assaults came as a four-man commission from nonaligned nations prepared to set out on a new peace mission to halt the 25-week-old war between Iran and Iraq.

Iran's state radio in Tehran said a barrage of nine-meter-long Frog-7 missiles slammed into residential neighborhoods of Ahwaz, capital of Iran's Khuzistan, wrecking a big housing complex in two blocks.

By early morning 11 dead bodies were recovered from the rubble of 30 destroyed houses and 25 injured were hospitalized in the city of half a million inhabitants, according to the broadcast.

Ahwaz is located 60 miles east of the Iraqi border into Khuzistan.

Two similar missiles struck the army garrison city of Dezful, 80 miles north of Ahwaz, but no casualty report was available yet, according to the broadcast. The two cities were the targets of similar missile assaults in the past three days, when Iraq escalated attacks against Iranian border cities after Iran's rejection of a ceasefire plan proposed by Islamic nations last week.

Tehran radio said Iraqi warplanes bombed Iran's western border city of Ilam Tuesday night for the second time in four days.

The Islamic peace plan called for a ceasefire to go into effect at midnight Thursday and an Iraqi withdrawal from all war-conquered Iranian territory to begin one week later and be completed within four weeks.



(AP wirephoto) WEINBERGER WINKS: U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger winks as he arrives to testify before the House Armed Services Committee Tuesday in Washington.

Soviet subs detected

U.S. alerts B-52 bombers

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP) — Some B-52 bombers at Loring Air Force Base in the northeastern state of Maine have been placed on increased alert because several Soviet missile-firing submarines have been detected in potentially threatening positions, Pentagon sources said Tuesday.

The sources, who asked to remain anonymous, said this is a normal precautionary action taken whenever Soviet missile subs are located in positions from which they could launch attacks on bomber bases.

Some U.S. Strategic Air Command bomber bases are considered vulnerable to surprise attack because Soviet subs are believed capable of hitting them with missiles which would take only about nine to 15 minutes to reach their targets.

The Pentagon did not give a direct reply when asked about the reported alert increase in Loring. Instead, it discussed procedures, saying that "occasionally some SAC alert forces are placed on an increased state of readiness as the situation dictates."

The alert began last Friday and is still in effect, suggesting that the Soviet subs are still in possibly threatening positions in the Atlantic. According to sources, the Soviet subs did not move any closer than usual to the U.S. east coast, but were detected "in a certain quadrant" regarded as potentially menacing.

The Pentagon does not talk about means of submarine detection, but it is known that Soviet missile subs are tracked by underwater

hydrophones and other devices which pick up the sound of the Soviet submarine engines.

Customarily, Russian missile-firing submarines patrol in the mid-Atlantic. U.S. missile-firing submarines also are on constant patrol in positions to strike targets in the Soviet Union. The increased alert at Loring became known, sources said, because reporters were on the base and noticed some bombers taxiing into position for takeoff, as well as some other related activity.

Meanwhile, a congressional report said the Soviet Union may be able to detect and destroy the new MX mobile missiles if the United States tries to conceal them in holes in the desert. The interim report by the Office of Technology Assessment, issued Tuesday, questioned the effectiveness of the so-called "shell game" deployment method under which 200 of the accurate new missiles would be hidden among 4,600 concrete shelters.

Discussing other ways of defending the MX, the report said a new anti-ballistic missile system could be developed but it was too costly to say whether the technical problems could be overcome. Of two other deployment methods now being considered by the Pentagon, the report said basing the missiles in small submarines seemed more feasible than putting them aboard surface ships. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has said the question of where to base MX is under review.

Thailand forms 40-member cabinet

BANGKOK, March 11 (AP) — Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda Wednesday formed a new 40-member coalition cabinet, and King Bhumibol Adulyadej signed a decree approving it.

The new lineup appeared to be the least militarily-influenced Thai government since the last civilian administration of former Prime Minister Kurit Pramoj in 1975. It contains 11 military men — two less than the previous cabinet.

It was the second government for Prem, a 60-year-old career military officer who took up the premiership in March 1980 following

the resignation of Kriangsak Chomanan.

Prem was forced to form a new coalition when the Social Action Party with 10 cabinet portfolios, including the key economic ministry, pulled out last Wednesday after a dispute with another coalition member — the Thai Nation Party — over an oil deal controversy.

Prem's new team represents five minor political parties which together hold 168 seats in the 301-seat House of Representatives. The Social Action Party, which is not included in the new cabinet, has the largest representation in the lower house with 82 seats.

No change in Thailand's foreign policy was expected. Air Marshal Siddhi Savetsila, who has been reappointed foreign minister, said the Thai government still maintains a policy of neutrality.

The following is a list of the principal cabinet ministers: Deputy prime ministers: Vaj. Gen. Pramarn Adireksam, Thanat Khomman, Gen. Prachuab Suntharangkun, Gen. Sem Na Nakorn; defense minister, Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda; interior minister, Prathuang Kirdabur; foreign minister, Air Marshal Siddhi Savetsila; agricultural and co-operative minister, Anut Apalrom; finance minister, Sommat Hoontrakul; Communications minister, Admiral Amorn Sirikaya; commerce minister, Chuan Leekpai; justice minister, Varut Bunrag; education minister, Sippanontketutad; industry minister, Chatchai Choonhavan; public health minister, Sem Pringpuangkaew; and state universities bureau minister, Kasem Suwannakul.

Cracks appear in Taj

NEW DELHI, March 11 (R) — Minute cracks have appeared in the Taj Mahal, the Indian government said Wednesday. Officials planned to treat the white marble of the monument with a preservative, Sheila Kaul, minister of state for education and social welfare, told Parliament.

She said the cracks were caused by exposure to varying temperatures, oxidation of iron clamps used in the original construction of the 300-year-old monument and inherent defects in the marble slabs.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said last month that efforts were being made to shift a railway yard and small steel foundries from near the Taj at the city of Agra to prevent damage by pollution. Conservationists have said an even greater threat to the Taj, India's major tourist attraction, was posed by sulphur fumes from a giant oil refinery being built at Mathura, 65 kms Agra.

Accord reached

Poles call off strike

WARSAW, March 11 (AP) — Leaders of the independent labor union Solidarity in Lodz said they cancelled a threatened province-wide general strike Thursday after police agreed to allow union organizing in an interior ministry hospital.

Meanwhile, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa held his first meeting with Premier Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski to discuss the prospect of improving relations between the government and the union formed during widespread labor protests last summer.

In another development, the Polish news agency PAP announced joint Warsaw Pact military exercises will begin later this month in Poland and neighboring pact nations.

The Lodz settlement came in a lengthy bargaining session that began shortly after thousands of workers staged a massive, one-hour warning strike Tuesday to press their demands. It was the first major industrial protest in more than a month.

Lodz Solidarity leader Lerzy Kropiwnicki said Lodz police had agreed that union organizers in the interior ministry hospital

there "would meet no problems," thus averting a major general strike that was to begin developing Thursday.

In Warsaw, Walesa's aides said the meeting with Jaruzelski produced an agreement to form a joint union-government commission to review individual cases of reported physical harassment of union members. PAP issued a vague communique on the meeting, saying only that Jaruzelski and Walesa had concluded that more talks were needed to reach an "understanding."

Walesa, who appeared tired but confident as he emerged from the four-hour meeting, said Solidarity would issue its own communique. PAP reported that Walesa had renewed past pledges to try and restrain Solidarity members from further strikes in keeping with the premier's inaugural request for 90 days of labor peace to allow the government time to rebuild the shattered economy.

"The premier presented government plans aimed at stopping the deterioration of the economy and growing difficulties in supplying the market and requested that Solidarity members participate in the solution," PAP said.



(AP wirephoto) PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN: French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing chats with photographers shortly before a TV interview Tuesday night, opening his campaign for re-election in the April-May ballot.

Salvador minister claims 2,200 rebels killed

SAN SALVADOR, March 11 (AP) — Defense Minister Jose guillermo Garcia has announced that government troops have killed some 2,200 leftist guerrillas since Jan. 10 in a war that he claims the rebels themselves are responsible for. "Paradoxically it was the leftists who declared the war," Garcia told reporters at a news conference in the capital.

Meanwhile, in San Jose, Costa Rica, former Salvadoran Labor Minister Gabriel Gallegos said a right-wing coup in El Salvador is imminent. In a televised interview, Gallegos said the purpose of the coup, led by ultra-rightists, would be "to unleash an unprecedented massacre" aimed at establish-

ing complete military control of the country. "Once the physical liquidation of some 50,000 or 60,000 persons is accomplished," Gallegos said, "there would be a military intervention by the United States, justified by the coup." Some 30,000 persons were killed in a peasant uprising in El Salvador in 1932. At least 16,000 have died since the rightist regime of Gen. Humberto Romero was overthrown on Oct. 15, 1979.

Gallegos, who was labor minister under the U.S.-backed ruling Junta, said: "The right has obstinately opposed every kind of reform and has closed the doors on a peaceful solution of the conflict."

While admitting the casualty figures are

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

The smallest television broadcasting station in the world is not, as you would think, in um al Quwain or Ajman. Research shows that this honor belongs to a concern in Miles Montana, in the United States. The entire staff consists of David Rivliener and his good wife and a single engineer. The latter, apparently, is a gentleman of versatility, since he doubles as the station's sports commentator.

The team put in a hard day of 14 hours. The area it covers is inhabited by around 10,000 people, of which a few hundred admit, but for some reason very shyly, of actually watching the programs. There are 217 television stations in the U.S. with the Rivliener effort coming proudly, and by a wide margin, at the very end of the list.

One of the highlights of the station's output is the daily news bulletin — and the affairs of the nation are such that often the picture or the sound go with the new reader continuing as though nothing had happened. One day Rivliener even forgot to plug the camera in as he started the bulletin. He went on and on, with the viewers getting neither sound nor picture. He was later informed of the fact by his engineer. Ah, well, he said, and started again, plugging the camera in first this time.

The choice of news items is very strange. You'd expect local affairs to figure prominently, but what local affairs? For two days the station kept its audience informed of the crisis in a local family which had lost a diaper bag. "It's not the diapers," the announcer kept saying. "If the blanket which was also in the bag, the baby can't sleep without the blanket."

Finally, the news everyone was waiting for: "Diaper bag found. Local baby asleep, at last."

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

Tremor rocks Greece again

ATHENS, March 11 (Agencies) — At least two persons were killed and more than 100 injured when a strong earth tremor hit northwestern Greece Tuesday, police said. More than 200 buildings were damaged in towns and villages in the region of Epirus.

Athens observatory said the tremor measured 5.6 points on the Richter scale with its epicenter 340 kms northwest of Athens. Police said a taxi driver was killed when his car was buried under rocks and earth in a landslide caused by the tremor near the town of Preveza. A woman was killed by falling masonry in the nearby village of Skiada.

Two visiting seismologists from the Uppsala Institute of Sweden, Ota Kulhanek and Klaus Meyer, said shortly after the quake that it was not related to the series of shocks starting Feb. 24 with an epicenter in the Gulf of Corinth, 70 kms west of the capital.

Police said that there was panic among the inhabitants of the area most strongly affected by the quake and that telephone communications with Preveza had been cut.

Canberra allows base for B-52s

CANBERRA, March 11 (R) — American B-52 bombers will be able to use Darwin air base in northern Australia as a staging airfield, Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser told parliament Wednesday. Under an agreement concluded during talks in Washington last week between U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Foreign Minister Tony Street, the American bombers would be unarmed, carry no bombs, and land at Darwin during navigation training and surveillance patrols over the Indian Ocean.

Up to three B-52's and six KC-135 tanker aircraft would be deployed supported by about 100 U.S. personnel and their equipment. Fraser said the government had a firm policy that no aircraft carrying nuclear weapons would be allowed to land in or fly over Australia without its prior knowledge and agreement.

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